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By Alan Lee  
 Cricket Correspondent

When "The Bigger Game" was written, all of us should have been in a good mood, acknowledging cricket's morose state in its minutes, the targets critical, the state of mind, the growing number of national players.

Much has been written on these subjects this past week, but the news exists here, the concept of a new cricket, the editor, and the year's volume, published by John Wisden for £11.50, soft cover, £14.50, hard cover. It is a book that will warm to its theme, and at the English cricket ground, it is a book that is unable to rise above its former station, inside the three that lead down the desired to rise above its own routine levels of manner.

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# Ridley heads off Tory poll tax rebellion

## Five million to receive better deal on rebates

By Philip Webster and Martin Fletcher

Mr Nicholas Ridley last night headed off the threat of defeat on the poll tax Bill by announcing an improved rebates scheme that will make an extra one million people eligible for relief and increase the payments to four million others.

The Secretary of State for the Environment disclosed the plan to a packed meeting of Conservative backbenchers.

The Cabinet approved it after receiving warnings from the whips that the Government faced having its majority reduced severely on Monday night when an attempt is to be made by Conservatives to change the nature of the charge so it is based on people's ability to pay.

Mr Ridley refused to give ground on that principle last night and failed to satisfy the majority of the rebels, led by Mr Michael Mates, with his concession.

However, by introducing changes to help the lowly paid it appeared that he had halted the rebellion and bought off enough of the waverrers to the policy still meant substantial benefits for the very well off, financed by the less well off. "It in no way addresses the major problem."

However, several of the 46 or so MPs who had signed Mr Mates's amendment to set the charge according to people's income-tax rates, said that they would be removing their names as a result of Mr Ridley's intervention.

The rebels estimated last night that about 35 Conservatives would still vote against the Government on Monday night when its majority is around 35.

But Sir George conceded that Mr Ridley had probably averted the possibility of defeat. "It might be buy off enough wobblerers," he said.

Former ministers, including Mr Michael Heseltine and Mr Timothy Raison, told the meeting that Mr Ridley's concession would be insufficient to dissuade them from backing Mr Mates.

Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East, said later: "It is only an alleviation. It is no solution to the fundamental objective of the Mates amendment."

The attendance at last night's meeting was one of the highest for a backbench meeting since 1979, evidence of the passion the issue has aroused. The whips concluded earlier this week that a concession would be required to stave off an uncomfortably close vote next Monday.

Mr John Heddle, chairman of the environment committee, said afterwards: "The announcement means that the rebellion will have been halted."

Mr Henry Bellingham, one of those who had signed the amendment, told reporters that he would probably pull out of the rebellion because of the "major improvement" to the rebate scheme.

His main aim is to change the "taper" figure for rate rebates from per 20 cent to 15 per cent.

Under the existing plans people on income support, which this week replaced supplementary benefit, will be eligible for the maximum 80 per cent community charge rebate. Those earning above that were scheduled to have their rebates reduced by 20p in every £1 earned above the income support level.

Under the changes made last night, they will lose 15p for every extra pound earned.

Mr Mates said that he intended to press on with his attempt to change the flat rate nature of the charge.

Sir George Young, one of his leading supporters, said

Successful Government economic policies have led to higher social security payments under the Conservatives than a Labour administration could ever achieve, the Prime Minister told the Commons yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher said the average working family now contributed £64 a week to the social security system, £62 a week for the health service and £25 for education.

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ensure victory on Monday night.

As the Government appeared to have contained the size of one revolt it suffered another as 18 backbenchers voted against its plan in the Health and Medicines Bill to abolish free dental charges. About another 10 abstained.

After a debate in which one Conservative after another assailed the Government for its proposals, its majority was cut to 31 and another rebellion was expected later in the night on the plan to end free eye tests.

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**TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND**



● Today, Tournament of the Mind reaches the fifth round of the individual finals: page 13.

● Next week the best school teams will compete for their prize — an IBM personal System/2 Model 30 computer. The questions, set by Meusa, will appear in *The Times* from Monday.

## Police raid 'Yardies' party



A policeman with one of those arrested after officers investigating black gangs known as the 'Yardies' raided a night party in Hackney, east London, yesterday. Full report, page 22

## Pressure grows over Kuwaiti hijacking saga

From Philip Jacobson, Algiers

The hijackers of the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 yesterday used one of their 32 hostages to repeat their demand for the release of the 17 Islamic Jihad members jailed in Kuwait, as a dispiriting air of permanence settled over negotiations to end the 10-day hijacking.

In the terse words of one of the passengers, Mr Said Ahmed, who was allowed to send greetings to his family through the control tower: "They are still demanding that my (Kuwaiti) government release the 17 prisoners. Otherwise they'll kill us all."

The plane later taxied back on one engine to its previous parking position, more or less in front of the control tower.

From the medical point of view they are not in a bad way," he said.

But he did say that about 10 of the more elderly passengers were showing signs of strain as a result of their ordeal.

Immediately after the doctor finished speaking at a press conference, rumours circulated that two elderly women had been released by the hijackers. But within minutes a formal denial was issued through the official Algerian news agency.

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This followed some exchanges in which the hijackers expressed concern at their isolated position, apparently alarmed that they were now out of sight of the massed ranks of the media.

What little emerged on the negotiations involving the Algerian Interior Minister, Mr El Hadi Khediri — who visited the aircraft again yesterday — and the Kuwaiti delegation, headed by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Saud al-Ozaimi, tended to confirm the growing belief here that any agreement which was struck in Larnaca three days ago was limited to the departure of the plane to Algiers, with an understanding that no further violence would be used against passengers and that there will be no attempt to storm it.

According to a Kuwaiti source, the negotiating team that arrived here on Wednesday includes two officials with experience of negotiating with hijackers. One was closely involved in dealings with the Iranian authorities after a Kuwaiti plane was forced to land in Tehran in 1984. On that occasion, two American passengers were killed.

Even the experienced Algerian negotiators were finding it hard to maintain a front of optimism as messages from flight KU 422 made it clear that the terrorists' resolve is not weakening either. As the hours dragged by without news of progress, it seemed symbolic that not long after dawn the plane had been towed off to a more remote corner of Houari Boumedienne airport to make way for a brief (and pre-arranged) state visit by the President Kaunda of Zambia.

The decision of the hijackers early yesterday afternoon to allow an Algerian doctor to board the aircraft and examine the hostages, and a couple of workmen to clean up the interior, plus the delivery of soft drinks, food and clean underwear merely strengthened the impression that all concerned were resigned to the saga continuing.

Doctor Yousef Mehdi, who examined the hostages while they had their hands bound, said that they were in a satisfactory condition.

"Based on the medical examinations I performed on the cases presented to me they showed no signs of torture.

## Dollar and shares crash as US trade gap widens

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, claimed success for international co-operation after massive intervention by central banks to rescue the dollar in the wake of a larger-than-expected US trade deficit.

The dollar dropped by more than three cents in London to close at \$1.8760. Shares in London and New York were hit, with the FT-SE 100 share index down just over 23 points and the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 70 points.

But Mr Lawson said it was too early to declare the assault on the dollar as warranting new corrective measures by the leading nations to restore calm to markets.

Mr Lawson said the banks' "impressive" and massive intervention to rescue the dollar was instead a good

example of the success of international policies.

He said a "very large number of countries" had taken part.

The announcement of the \$13.8 billion (£7.5 million) US deficit in February had an immediate effect on international financial markets. Some analysts compared it with the turmoil resulting from the record \$17 billion deficit last October, which was regarded as one of the causes of the stock market crash.

But despite the Chancellor's reassuring comments, there was concern that market unrest over the trade figures could shatter the stability that has prevailed since December when the industrialized countries last acted successfully to support the dollar.

The market turbulence created a crisis control atmosphere in Washington where Western finance ministers and central bankers had gathered for the spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Some officials said they doubted that the Group of Seven countries could continue their intervention strategy to stabilize currencies if the dollar remained under attack. This would require additional measures.

Mr Lawson said in his address to the IMF's Interim Committee that "large scale intervention should not become a way of life but controlled intervention is a useful instrument of policy."

## Labour shift likely on nationalization

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour Party is set to rule out the prospect of returning public utilities sold off or being privatized by the Conservative such as water, gas and electricity, to old-style public ownership.

It is to take powers instead to ensure that the utilities and natural monopolies improve the level and quality of their service to the public.

Regulatory authorities, such as Ofel which monitors British Telecom, will be given new powers to enforce standards and take up complaints.

If the utilities fail to perform satisfactorily, a Labour government will take a stake in the industry and ensure that it meets its obligations. In those circumstances it would not buy shares but those owned by the public would be turned into non-voting stock.

The change in Labour's thinking on nationalization and social ownership has been outlined in a new document.

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## Soviet pull-out 'no defeat' ITN welcomes call for increased competition

From Paul Vallety, Geneva

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday set the seal on the Kremlin's decision to withdraw more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan, bringing to an end the Soviet Union's most disastrous foreign policy adventure since the Second World War.

With Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, Mr Shevardnadze signed accord here that the superpowers will act as guarantors to a non-aggression accord between Afghanistan and Pakistan, for which the Soviet withdrawal was a prerequisite.

Under the deal, Moscow will, from May 15, remove half of its troops — estimated to be about 115,000 — within three months and the remainder by February 15, 1989.

But euphoric statements about a new era of peace for the region, made by the principal politicians immediately after the signing, were quickly dispelled by Mr Shultz, who announced that Washington is to continue supplying arms to the Afghan Mujahidin resistance, which is fighting for the overthrow of the Kremlin-backed Government in Kabul.

The withdrawal will bring to an end 8½ years of Soviet occupation, during which as many as one million Afghans are said to have been killed and five million, more than a third of the population, have been displaced.

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By Richard Evans, Media Editor

ITN should be free to supply news to any broadcasting outlets, according to proposals from Mr John Whitney, director-general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

He suggests outside investors should be encouraged to join the independent television companies owning ITN, the maker of *News at Ten*, as shareholders and directors.

In a paper submitted to ITV chiefs, Mr Whitney recommends ITN be open to competition in supplying news to ITV and Channel 4, which also supplies news — to a lesser extent — to Super Channel, has a total turnover of about £65 million.

Mr David Nicholas, ITN's editor and chief executive, last night welcomed Mr Whitney's proposals although he emphasized that ITN must be guaranteed a market with ITV for several years to allow time to find new business outlets.

## Passenger jets escape air disaster by 100 yards

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Two pilots last night described the moment when their aircraft almost collided at 8,000 feet over Watford yesterday morning in another serious air-miss.

Captain Keith Manktelow was heading for Heathrow Airport from the Isle of Man at the controls of his Maxx Airlines BAe 146 four-engine jet with 67 passengers when it with 44 people on board, including five babies, flashed across his path. Both pilots took immediate avoiding action and averted disaster by they believe, less than 100 yards.

Captain Manktelow, who is also operations manager of

Maxx Airlines BAe146 from Isle of Man passes Watford beacon towards Watford

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Heathrow

Intended flightpath

Both aircraft at 8000 feet see each other and take avoiding action, missing by 100 yards

Cyprus Airways A310 Airbus from Larnaca approaches Watford from Lambourne beacon

Watford and head towards Kilburn, north London for the final approach to runway 09 left at Heathrow.

Meanwhile Captain Manktelow had passed a Watford beacon at Bovington three miles south

of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire and was also instructed to fly at 8,000 feet towards Kilburn.

"It was 7.50 am and the sun was still low and bright", he said. "There was a lot of other traffic about and I was constantly looking around. I had one particular aircraft in sight and glanced away just in time to see a huge black shape in my left hand window. It was clear we were both heading straight towards the same point in the sky. I immediately turned right and the Cyprus aircraft went out of sight. Naturally I told the air traffic controllers that we would be filing an official air miss report."

In the Cyprus aircraft First Officer Hadjichrysanthou was flying on auto-pilot and concentrating on his instruments as his captain kept a look-out.

"Suddenly I saw him disengage the auto-pilot and as I looked up I saw the other

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# Off-duty PC killed attempting to stop armed bank raiders

By Michael Horsnell



PC Frank Mason: "a very popular, dedicated officer"

An off-duty police officer was shot dead yesterday when he tackled two armed men threatening security guards outside a bank in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Police Constable Frank Mason, aged 27, a former crime reporter, was shot in the chest as he grappled with the raiders and died on his way to hospital.

The two men escaped with £15,000 in cash which an armoured Securicor van was delivering to Barclays Bank.

PC Mason, who was married with no children and lived in Hemel Hempstead, intervened as the raiders held up one of the Securicor men with a handgun.

The vehicle had just drawn up outside the bank at 10.14am to deliver money from Barclays' account holders in the area.

One guard had left the van and was standing at a chute through which his colleague inside was to pass the money for depositing at the bank.

The two raiders, wearing crash helmets, were passed three bags of cash in notes, normal Securicor policy when guards are "under duress".

The police officer intervened at that point and identified himself but was shot in the chest.

The raiders made their getaway in a waiting silver Vauxhall car which they then abandoned near by in the town centre.

Mr Mansel Davies, a school caretaker who had just come out of the bank when he heard a shot and witnessed the getaway, tried to ram the vehicle with his car.

Mr Davies, aged 54, a father

the pavement to get round him.

It was the second armed robbery Mr Swan had witnessed at the bank. Two years ago a Security Express guard was shot in the hand during a raid.

Barclays Bank expressed regret at the death of the police officer and closed the branch for the day.

Mr Ernest Joyce, a spokesman for Securicor, said: "We are very sad about what has happened".

He added: "At the time of the attack there was no money outside the van but in such a life-threatening situation three bags of money were put into the bank chute for the villains to take."

"At this point the off-duty policeman intervened, identified himself and was shot in the chest. The two bandits then took the three bags, containing about £15,000 and some cheques, and made off to a car park."

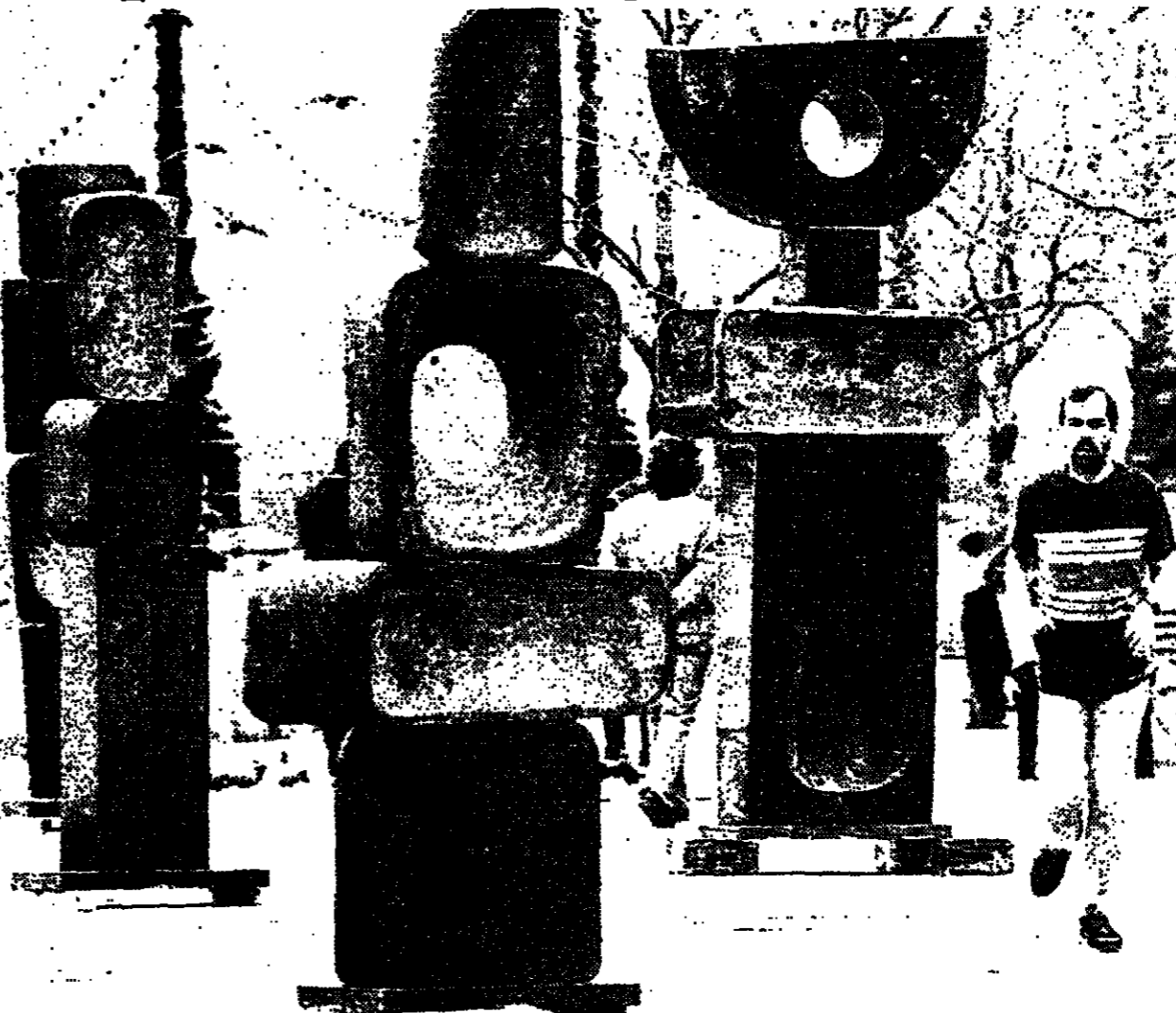
Chief Supt Michael Buttle, the head officer's divisional commander, said last night: "PC Mason has shown himself to be a very popular, dedicated officer and his actions today are in the true traditions of the Hertfordshire constabulary."

"He was very well thought of by his supervisory officers and his dedication to his job was shown by today's events."

PC Mason was the first officer to die from a criminal attack this year but he is the eighteenth policeman killed in the 1980s, according to Home Office figures.

Last night the cash had been recovered and seven people were being questioned by police.

# Hepworth family moves home



Set against the Thames are Barbara Hepworth's nine sculptures, "The Family of Man", normally found in the landscaped Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The figures, created in 1970 five years before her death, are part of "End Games", a celebration of late works including music, theatre, film, art, dance and literature that runs until July 3 (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

# Police intervention 'threat to soccer'

By Kerry Gill

The future of professional football could be jeopardized if police intervened every time a violent incident took place on the field of play, an international referee told a court yesterday during the trial of four international players.

Mr James Duncan, one of Scotland's most senior referees, told Glasgow Sheriff Court that he would consider giving up refereeing if there was "police intervention in situations which are basically refereeing matters".

Mr Terry Butcher, aged 29, Mr Graham Roberts, and Mr Chris Woods, both aged 28, all of Rangers, and Mr Frank McAvennie, aged 28, of Celtic, deny conducting themselves in a disorderly manner and committing a breach of the peace at Ibrox Stadium during the "Old Firm", Rangers-Celtic match, refereed by Mr Duncan, on October 17.

Mr Duncan told the court that bringing on police to deal with incidents on the field would be a backward move. "Football has gone on for hundreds

years with no interference from the law and I would like to see it continue that way."

The logical extension of bringing on police would be that football would be played with no spectators.

The trial continues today. Chris Kamara, of Swindon Town Football Club, was fined £1,200 at Shrewsbury Magistrates' Court yesterday in the first prosecution of a Football League player for an on-field assault. Full report, page 38

# Robbers 'were shot to save guard'

Police shot dead two hooded robbers and wounded a third because they believed a security guard was in mortal danger, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Police Constable Anthony Long, aged 30, opened fire on the armed robbers as they tried to rob a Securicor van of £120,000 at a slaughterhouse in Garland Road, Plumstead, south-east London, last July.

Police waiting in ambush had been watching the robbery in a specially prepared van.

Mr Graham Boal, for the prosecution, said that as a guard collected a bag containing £3,000 from the security van, one robber yelled at him: "Drop it, you bastard".

The guard was threatened with a shotgun and another robber poked him in the ribs with a revolver. Mr Boal said: "The bandits were menacing and ruthless. The watching police also heard the robbers threaten to shoot the van's driver."

Mr Boal said the police then leapt from their vehicle and called: "Armed police". There was "no obvious response".

Nicholas Payne, aged 29, of Berling Road, Bexleyheath, south-east London, and Michael Flynn, aged 24, of Bargey Road, Catford, south-east London, were killed and Derek Whitlock, aged 24, was wounded, the court was told.

Whitlock, unemployed, of Samuel Street, Woolwich, south London, and Richard Parfett, the getaway driver, have both pleaded guilty to attempted robbery. They will be sentenced later.

On trial is David Bowditch, aged 23, of Dryden Road, Welling, south-east London, who denies conspiracy to rob. The court was told he supplied the gang with the getaway vehicles.

The trial continues today.

## Doctor of the Year award

# Winner in NHS cash plea

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

For a few hours Dr Malcolm Levene, who was yesterday named Doctor of the Year, was prepared to don his best suit and sip cocktails at the Savoy with insurance salesmen and Bupa executives.

He had won £1,000 from Bupa in recognition of his research work into brain damage and premature babies.

But Dr Levene, director of the neonatal intensive care unit at Leicester Royal Infirmary, made it clear that he was less than comfortable in the chintz surroundings.

He was itching to get back to his NHS hospital where he appeals for research grants and becomes upset when sick babies are turned away because of nursing shortages.

"In terms of the work I do there is little the private sector can offer because the type of patients who need care are those who are most socially deprived", Dr Levene, aged 37, said. Premature birth was related to social class, he said.

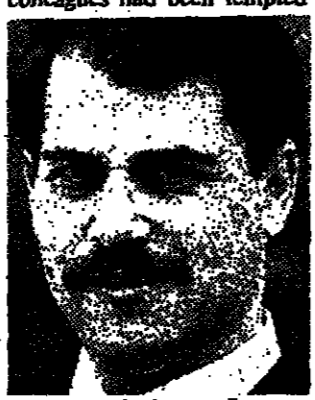
Intensive care for babies is expensive and at the end of the day the baby may die or become severely handicapped. Is this not a waste of precious NHS funds?

He said: "It is a price that we have to pay for calling

ourselves a civilized nation. The result justifies the costs. The vast majority of children who receive intensive care survive to be healthy tax-paying members of society."

Twenty years ago very few children under 1,000 grammes (2lb 3oz) would have survived and only 20 per cent of those between 1,000 and 1,500 grammes. "Now 90 per cent of children up to 1,500 grammes survive and 60 per cent of those under 1,000 grammes."

His belief in the NHS, in the face of financial restraints and recruitment problems, is unswerving. Neither he nor his colleagues had been tempted



Dr Malcolm Levene: committed to the National Health Service.

to join the exodus of medical researchers to other countries.

"Our health service is one of the best in the world. We don't have to worry about whether the patient can afford the care. In the USA the bill for caring for a premature baby in intensive care, up to \$500,000, can break parents financially."

His research work was suffering because of financial constraints and he had to rely on charity. "I have been very lucky as I have been supported by the Spastics Society, but every few months I have to fill out more applications for grants to continue my work and throw all the balls into the air again."

"The country must be prepared to make adequate financial provision for both care and research", he said.

He accepts the need to review the NHS, yet is adamant that nobody should face financial hardship or financial penalties to get adequate care. If that principle is kept intact any method of funding the health service could be considered, including introducing charges for those who can afford them.

"Ultimately nobody working in the health service can be in any doubt that it needs more money."

# Medical charges deter poor

Levying charges for medical care deters people from using health services, particularly the poor and children, according to a report from the Institute of Health Services Management.

The interim report, part of the institute's study of alternative methods of funding the health service, points to evidence from the United States and Canada that where charges have been introduced for house visits and for emergency or hospital outpatient

services, fewer people have used them.

In this country a study by Mr Stephen Birch, of York University, showed that increases in prescription charges between 1979 and 1982 led to a 7.5 per cent drop in take-up.

The institute report, based on information from three working papers, says alternative systems of paying for health care should be adopted only if they produce better patient care and lower costs.

Professor Tony Culyer, of the Centre for Health Economics at York University, says that the lack of financial information in the health service means that decisions are taken in the face of ignorance about both likely cost and benefit.

Introducing new systems could merely produce new problems. Working papers 1, 2, and 3, Institute of Health Services Management, 75 Portland Place, London W1N 4AN; £1.95, £2.50, £2.95.

## Church alterations dispute

# Vicar 'danced in the aisles'

By Ronald Faux

A vicar whose plans to rearrange his church to allow more space for evangelical worship have divided his parish, was yesterday alleged to have danced in the aisles.

Mrs Angela Southern, a member of the Winchester diocesan synod and a worshipper at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, said she had been involved in "informal" services presided over by the Rev John Earp at the church and found them a "hotch potch".

"Anything could happen including, I am sad to say, the vicar dancing up the aisles. It was not the charismatic service I have experienced and in which I am deeply involved", she said.

Mrs Southern was speaking on the third day of an ecclesiastical hearing at the church

hall into the plans by Mr Earp, aged 69.

The small hall was again packed with parishioners and it was the turn of the St John's Protectors, a group set up to oppose the vicar's plans, to object to the proposals to open up the church's floor space by removing the pews, carpet the tiles and put the altar close to another wall.

Mr John Heywood, a retired architect, said the alterations would be disastrous. He said the church was designed to give greatest emphasis to an east-west axis with a beautiful west window - a device used by architects to turn minds to thoughts of some higher kind. The idea of repositioning the altar in front of a neat arc of chairs was not tenable.

Some of the parishioners' ill-feeling has been created by

the style of worship the church provides.

Mrs Southern told the hearing that renewal was sacramentally based, but allowed for freedom of worship among totally like-minded people when worshippers could raise their hands and enjoy the freedom. But in parishes where not everyone understood or liked what they were doing, the experience could be very offensive.

Mrs Hilda Currow, aged 79, told the hearing that she went to church between three and five times every Sunday and objected to the proposal that would make the building resemble a four-star hotel. The idea of carpets was horrific.

The evidence was completed yesterday and Mr John Spokes, the diocesan chancellor, will announce his findings on Monday.

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"Very much so" he replied. "Have a good weekend."

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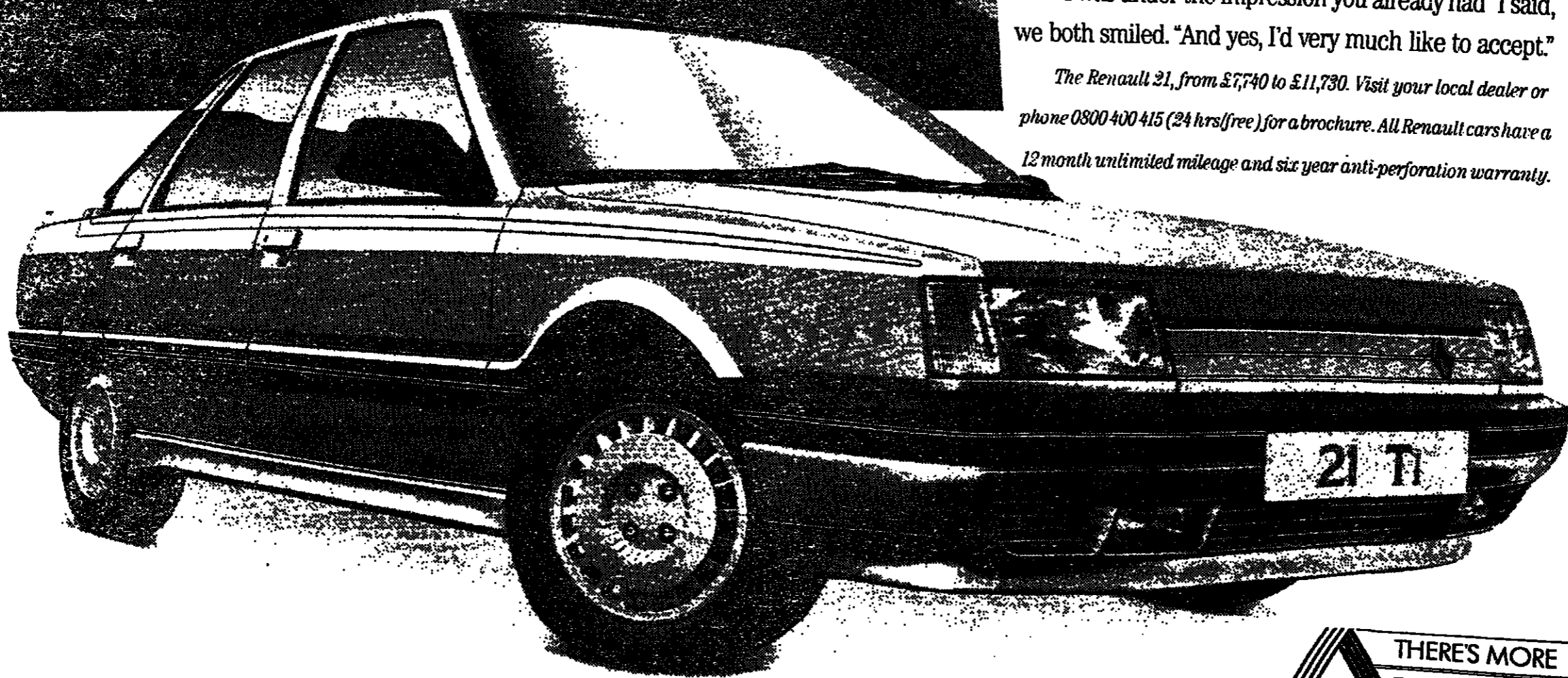
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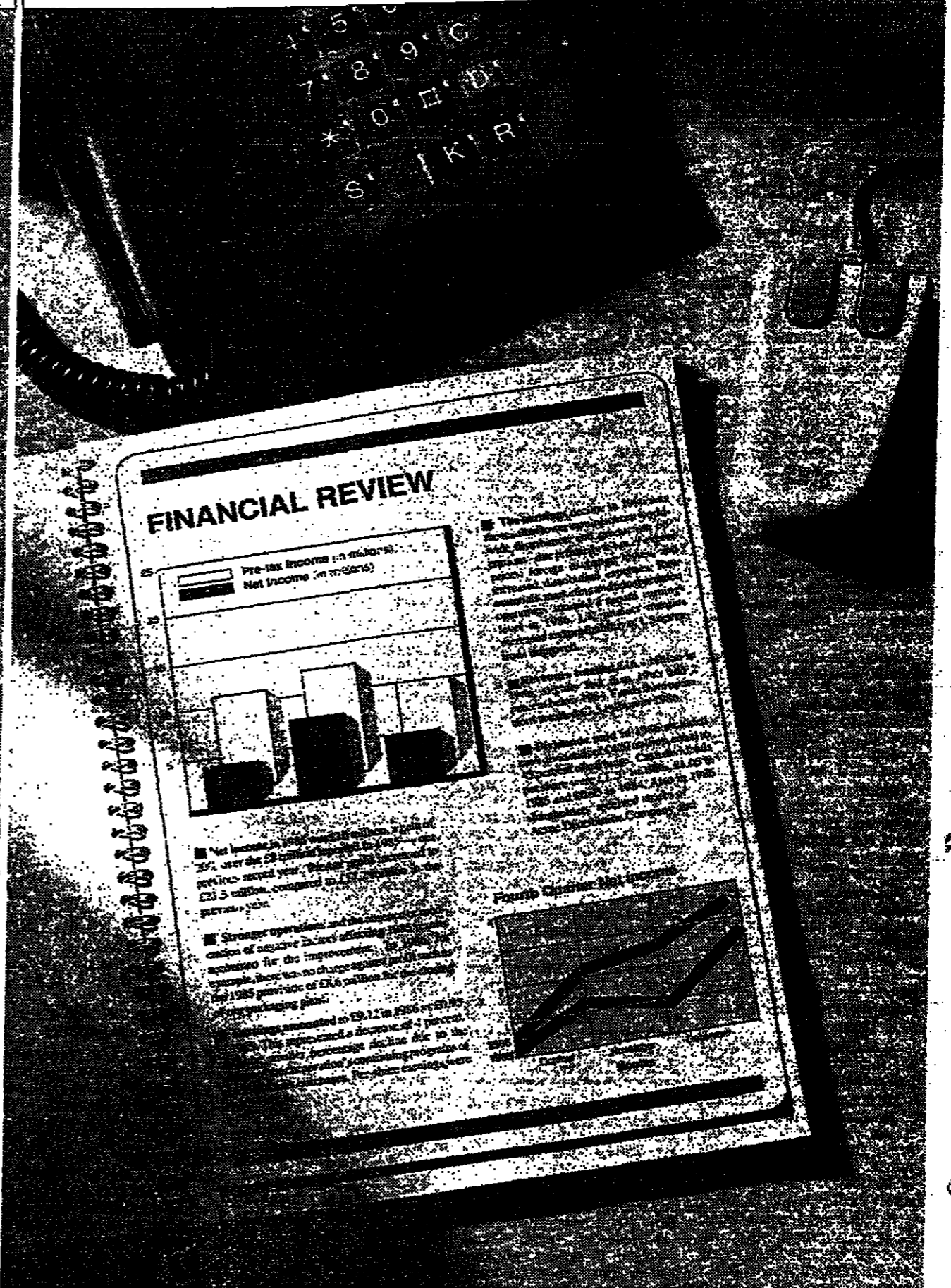
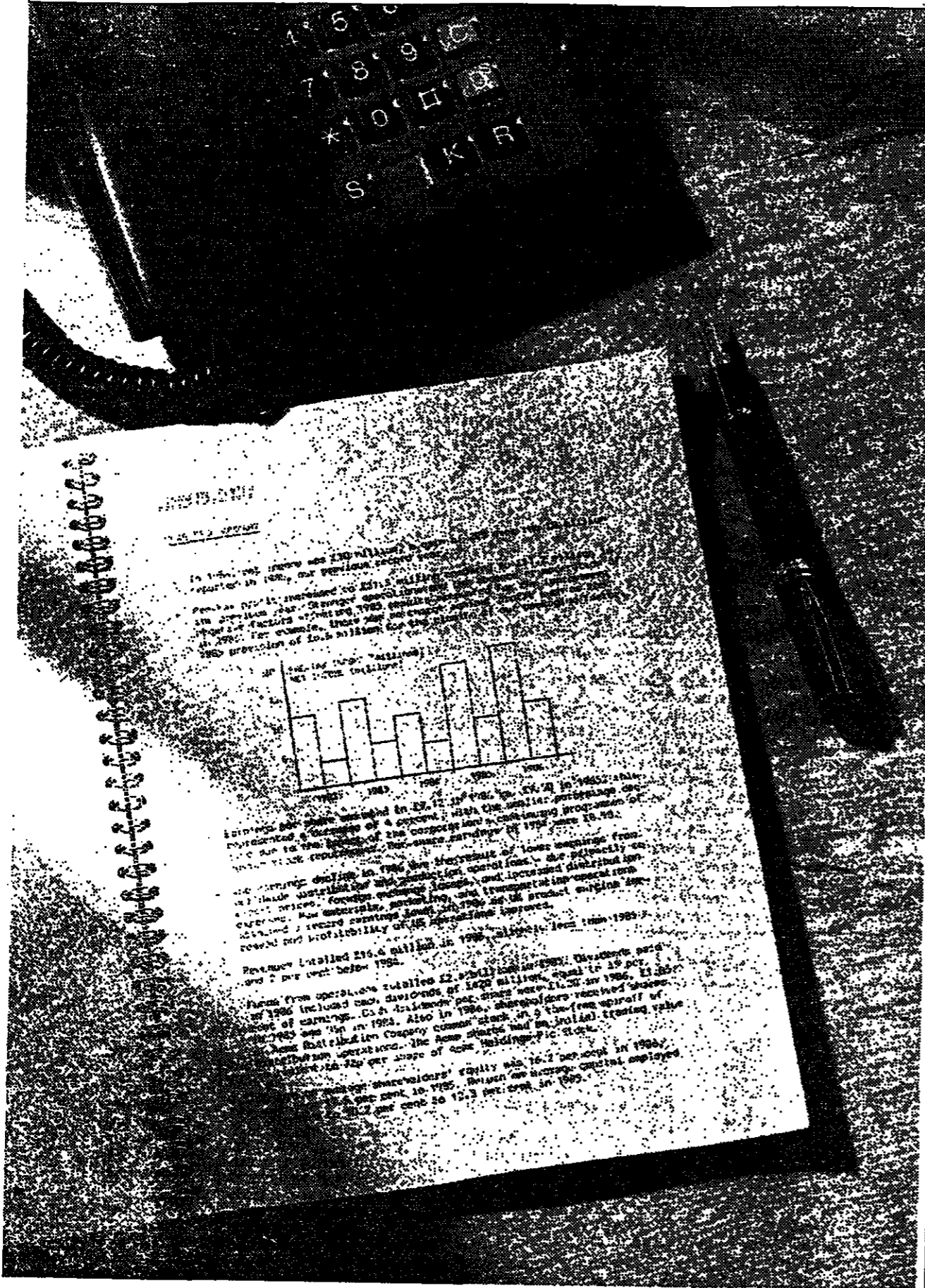
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# Zia foresees further Kabul turmoil Details of the Geneva accord

From Edward Gorman, Islamabad

President Zia of Pakistan was in a celebratory mood yesterday after the signing of the Geneva peace accords on Afghanistan. Hosting an informal briefing and lunch for journalists at the Presidential Palace here, he declared that the pact was a historic achievement both for the Afghan Mujahidin and for Pakistan.

But in a remarkably frank discussion of the future prospects for the Afghans, he said

Islamabad (AFP) — Four Soviet advisers were killed yesterday, along with an unspecified number of other people, in a car bomb blast in Kabul, rebel sources said.

The bomb had been planted in a Soviet-made vehicle parked near the Walid and Fazilat shopping arcades in the Shahre Nau area of the Afghan capital, the sources said. The device exploded before noon when the market was crowded and resulted in a fire in which several shops were gutted.

that he foresaw "turmoil" inside Afghanistan and conceded that, as far as the Mujahidin were concerned, the Geneva accords fell short of their principal objective — the removal of President Najibullah's regime.

But President Zia was confident that this would follow quickly after a Soviet pull-out. It would be "a little difficult" for Kabul to survive without the Russians, he said. "President Najibullah will stick it

out, but eventually his head will roll and the next man will be from the Mujahidin."

President Zia was effusive in his praise for the Afghan rebels. He described their efforts over the past eight years as a "super-human sacrifice". Pakistan was prepared to stand by them at whatever price over the coming years, he said, acknowledging that there was still a long way to go before their objectives were achieved.

He had praise for the superpowers for coming to terms with what he described as the "hard facts of life" over Afghanistan. In particular, he singled out Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's initiative earlier this year announcing that Soviet troops would leave Afghanistan provided agreement was reached at Geneva.

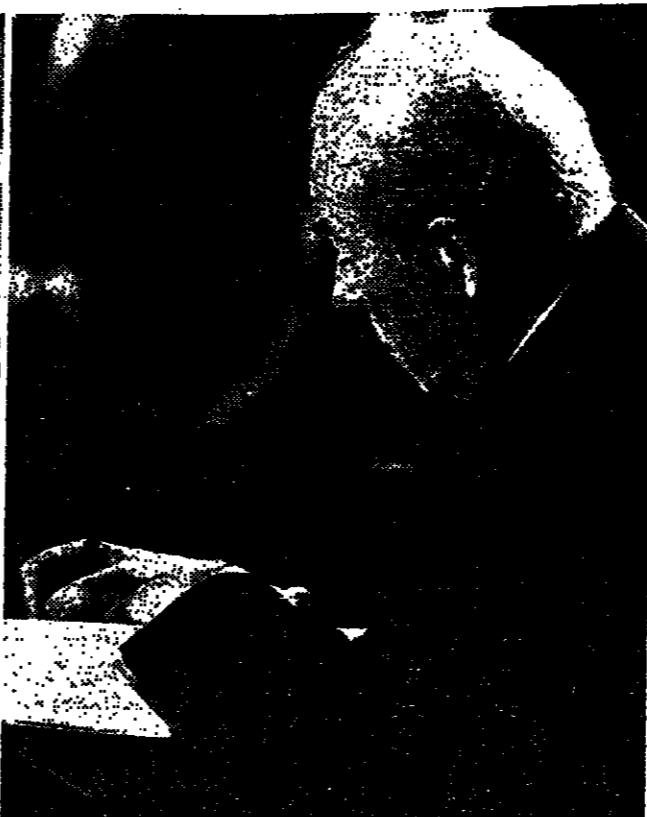
"I openly confess," he said, "that I was one of those who said it was impossible. How could the Soviet Union leave such an advantageous position from a strategic point of view? They have not left anywhere previously except Iran and Austria — two minor cases."

He added that he was prepared to trust the Russians — to take Mr Gorbachev at his word, as he put it — and had no doubts that they would honour the Geneva agreement and leave Afghanistan.

As for Pakistan, the President said he was satisfied that its three principal objectives — the withdrawal of Soviet troops and the establishment of conditions inside Afghani-



Mr Edward Shevardnadze, left, and Mr George Shultz signing the Afghan settlement as guarantors in Geneva yesterday.



stan conducive for the return of refugees and allowing the Afghans to choose their own government — had been achieved. But he did acknowledge that, as far as the second two objectives were concerned, Geneva served them more in spirit than in fact.

He agreed, for example, that Pakistan's insistence on the establishment of an interim government during a withdrawal had not succeeded.

"Unfortunately we wouldn't bring it to a logical conclusion," he said. It was for this reason, among others, that he predicted further turmoil in Afghanistan. "Unless you have a government in Afghanistan which rules and commands ... and that government has the confidence of all the various factions, you can't have peace in Afghanistan. The Mujahidin will not stop their

fight until the bitter end," he added. "This is why there will be turmoil. If we had achieved the interim government, this could have been avoided." It is believed, however, that the Russians have given President Zia concrete guarantees that they will actively support efforts by Pakistan to establish an interim or coalition government in the coming months, even if the standing of the present Kabul Govern-

ment is adversely affected in the process. ● Afghan arms: For the first time since the disaster at the Ojri ammunition dump on the outskirts of Islamabad on Sunday, President Zia yesterday indicated that some arms stored at the camp were destined for the Mujahidin. He also said that the explosion, which killed more than 100 people, was set off deliberately.

Excerpts from yesterday's agreements:

**Article I**  
Bilateral agreement between Afghanistan and Pakistan on principles of mutual relations, in particular on non-interference and non-intervention.

The Republic of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan ... desiring to normalize relations and promote good-neighbourliness and cooperation as well as to strengthen international peace and security in the region ... have agreed as follows:

**Article II**  
Relations between the ... parties shall be conducted in strict compliance with the principle of non-interference and non-intervention by States in the affairs of other States.

**Article III**  
For (this) purpose ... each party undertakes to comply with the following obligations:  
1. To respect the sovereignty, political independence, territorial integrity, national unity, security and non-alignment of the other party, as well as the national identity and cultural heritage of its people.

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3. To refrain from the threat or use of force in any form whatsoever so as not to violate the boundaries of each other, to disrupt the political, social or economic order of the other party, to overthrow or change the political system of the other party or its Government, or to cause tension between the parties.

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6. To refrain from any action ... to destabilize or to undermine the stability of the other party or any of its institutions.

7. To refrain from the promotion, encouragement or support, direct or indirect, of rebellious or secessionist activities against the other party, under any pretext whatsoever, or from any other action which seeks to disrupt the unity or to undermine or subvert the political order of the other party.

8. To prevent within its territory the training, equipping, financing and recruitment of mercenaries from whatever origin for the purpose of hostile activities against the other party, or the sending of such mercenaries into the territory of the other party and accordingly deny facilities, including financing for the training, equipping and transit of such mercenaries.

9. To refrain from making any agreements or arrangements with other States designed to intervene or interfere in the internal and external affairs of the other party.

10. To abstain from any defamatory campaign, vilification or hostile propaganda for the purpose of intervening or interfering in the internal affairs of the other party.

11. To prevent any assistance to or use of or tolerance of terrorist groups, saboteurs, or subversive agents against the other party.

12. To prevent within its territory the presence, harbouring, in camps and bases or otherwise, organizing, training, financing, equipping and arming of individuals and groups for the purpose of creating subversion, disorder or unrest in the territory of the other party and accordingly also to prevent the use of mass media and the transportation of arms, ammunition and equipment by such individuals and groups.

13. Not to resort to or allow any other action that could be considered as interference and intervention.

Bilateral agreement between Afghanistan and Pakistan on voluntary return of refugees

**Article I**  
All Afghan refugees temporarily present in ... Pakistan shall be given the opportunity to return voluntarily to their homeland in accordance with the arrangements and conditions set out in the present Agreement.

**Article II**  
The Government of ... Afghanistan shall take all necessary measures to ensure the following conditions for the voluntary return of refugees:  
a. All refugees shall be allowed to return in freedom to their homeland ...  
e. All returnees shall enjoy the same rights and privileges, including freedom of religion, and have the same obligations and responsibilities as any other citizens ... without discrimination.

**Article III**  
Pakistan shall facilitate the voluntary, orderly and peaceful repatriation of all Afghan refugees staying within its territory ...

**Article IV**  
For the purpose of organizing, co-ordinating and supervising the operations which should effect the repatriation of Afghan refugees, there shall be set up mixed commissions in accordance with the established international practice ...

**Article V**  
The commissions shall determine frontier crossing points and establish necessary transit centres ...

**Article VI**  
At the request of the Governments concerned, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will cooperate and provide assistance in the process of voluntary repatriation of refugees ...

**Article VII**  
The arrangements set out in Articles IV and V shall remain in effect for a period of 18 months. After that period the parties shall review the results of the repatriation ...

**Agreement on inter-relationships for settlement of situation relating to Afghanistan**

5. ... (The four parts of the accord) will enter into force on 15 May, 1988. In accordance with the timeframe agreed upon between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of Afghanistan there will be a phased withdrawal of the foreign troops which will start on the date of entry into force mentioned above. One half of the troops will be withdrawn by 15 August, 1988 and the withdrawal of all troops will be completed within nine months.

6. ... The inter-relationships in paragraph 5 above have been agreed upon in order to achieve effectively the purpose of the political settlement ... It is ... essential that all the obligations deriving from the instruments concluded as component parts of the settlement be strictly fulfilled and that all the steps required to ensure full compliance ... be completed in good faith.

7. To consider alleged violations ... representatives of Afghanistan and Pakistan shall meet whenever required. A representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall lend his good offices to the Parties ...

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**III. Modus operandi and personal organization**

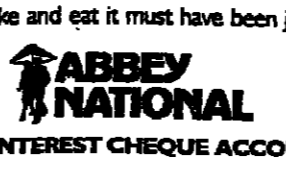
The Secretary-General will appoint a senior military officer as Deputy to the Representative, who will be stationed in the area, as head of two small headquarters units, one in Kabul and the other in Islamabad, each comprising five military officers, drawn from existing United Nations operations, and a small civilian auxiliary staff ...

The two headquarters units will be organized into two Inspection Teams to ascertain on the ground any violation of the instruments comprising the settlement. Whenever considered necessary ... up to 40 additional military officers (some 10 additional Inspection Teams) will be stationed within the shortest possible time ...



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# Religious crusade to soften Reagan's regional policy as Panama resists the latest pressure Churches challenge White House over Central America

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

American mainstream churches have united in fierce opposition to US policy in Central America, for once eclipsing the politically powerful religious right and clearly influencing the tide of opinion in Congress.

The unity and commitment of the churches is reminiscent of their campaign for American withdrawal from Vietnam in the latter stages of that war. While the Reagan Administration continues to argue about the military prospects of victory, the churches have succeeded in focussing attention on whether the policy itself is morally justified.

A newsletter circulating on Capitol Hill, entitled *Impact '88*, and sponsored by 17 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups, states: "For Americans, the number one moral problem of this decade is public policy in Central America." The issue has brought together Episcopalians, Catholics, Lutherans, Quakers, American Baptists, Presbyterians, the Church of the Brethren, Unitarians, the United Church of Christ, mainstream Jews, and United Methodists.

The churches base their arguments on the experience of years of missionary work in Central America. Many of them have committed substantial resources to the region, both in money and manpower, and have clearly concluded that superpower involvement in the impoverished countries is wrong.

The Catholic Relief Service has been giving more than \$3.5 million (£1.9 million) a year in food and development assistance; the Church World Service, an arm of the Protestant National Council of Churches, has given more than \$1 million during the past two years.

The first hint of church opposition came during the Carter Administration, after he proposed giving \$3 million to the right-wing Government of El Salvador. It has taken until now, however, for the religious right, which supports the Reagan Administration, has been focusing on other issues and generally has not concentrated on Central America. That has given the mainstream churches an opportunity to try to influence opinion on Capitol Hill without having to compete with the substantial resources of

right-wing religious groups.

Congressional aides say they could not recall the mainstream churches being more active on any issue. Some suggested that their lobbying efforts had acted as a brake on President Reagan and perhaps prevented him from proposing a direct American military effort to bring down the left-wing Government of Nicaragua.

The influence of the mainstream churches is probably greater on the Central American issue than any other, because they speak with such long first hand experience of the area.

They argue that American policy is doing nothing to promote human rights or end poverty. They say that communist infiltration and political instability should be addressed by the countries themselves.

Meanwhile, the Sandinista Government has blocked an airlift of newspaper for the opposition newspaper *La Prensa* and medicines for the Catholic Church.

The deliveries were arranged by a private American group, *Americares*, after it learnt that the newspaper had run out of newsprint and been forced to suspend publication. Sandinista officials claim the organization is a CIA front.

Vice-president George Bush had personally given support to the airlift. *Americares* said it had intended to deliver 15 tonnes of newsprint.

Panama's military strongman, General Manuel Noriega, this week scowled the US Marine reinforcements sent to Panama as part of the American campaign to chase him from power.

US troops were "nervous, scared, unprofessional and frightened by Panamanian palm trees", the general scoffed, following two incidents at a fuel depot near Howard air base - one of 10 American military complexes in the US-controlled Canal Zone.

On Monday night, a US Marine corporal was shot dead by members of his own patrol as they nervously investigated a reported intrusion at a perimeter fence. The following night, 100 Marines fired blindly into the darkness for two hours after reportedly being shot at by more intruders at the same depot.

General Noriega later dismissed suggestions by a Pentagon official that the alleged intruders may have been members of his own Panama Defence Force, saying: "We don't need permission from a great power to move on our own territory."

This week's incidents, while underscoring the deep tensions in Panama, also highlighted the ineffectiveness of US efforts to oust the general. After two frustrating months, the American strategy has begun to look lame and confused, according to diplomats and opposition politicians in Panama City.

They fear that, if mounting economic pressure fails to break General Noriega's grip on power, Washington may see force rather than face the ignominy of defeat in an area of such strong US influence.

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played 1,300 more US troops in the Canal Zone, in what has been interpreted locally as a message to the Panamanian Army that political options are running out.

Some political observers identify the source of US tactical problems in Panama as Washington's support for the former President, Senior Eric Delvalle, who tried to dismiss General Noriega in February.

Washington apparently hoped that Senior Delvalle's actions, and his own subsequent removal by General Noriega, would lead to a repeat of what happened in the Philippines with massive street protests and a military rebellion.

But Senior Delvalle was himself a Noriega appointee, and as such could not inspire broad support. The plan col- lapsed with Senior Delvalle's decision to go into hiding.

Western diplomats here suspect that Washington was guilty of having seriously underestimated General Noriega's resilience.

Senior Delvalle has let it be known that he is growing impatient with the cautious US moves, and apparently threatened at one stage last week to leave the country unless a stronger commitment to the general's removal was made apparent. His leaving Panama could add to Washington's troubles. The US has justified its actions by its recognition of Senior Delvalle as the legitimate head of government.

The President-in-hiding is understood to have been pressing for military intervention. Although the Panamanian opposition is officially against the use of force, several active members of the Civic Crusade say privately that they would favour it as a means of bringing a speedy end to what has become an unexpectedly protracted crisis.

## Letter from Cracow Rats turn tail as pollution bites

In the crumbling old town of Cracow, the rats are literally deserting the sinking ship. To the consternation of the city's authorities, who fight a daily battle to preserve the architectural jewel of Poland against the ravages of pollution, the city's vermin have taken to their heels. For the past month, not a single rat has been sighted in the city.

Of course, as one official at the Ministry of Environmental Protection pointed out this week, "It may be the result of an unprecedented success in containing vermin by the Cracow rat-catchers." But the environmental experts of the Polish Ecological Club are pessimistic.

A short rickety tram ride away from Cracow lies the steelworks complex called Nowa Huta. According to environmentalists in Cracow, Nowa Huta alone produces more than 170 tonnes of lead, seven tonnes of cadmium, 470 tonnes of zinc and 18 tonnes of iron a year - all in the form of dust in the Cracow area. Heavy concentrations of sulphur dioxide eat away at medieval facades, century-old parks and, it would now seem, at the age-old habits of rats.

Cracow, which Unesco has offered \$75 million (£40 million) for restoration, is but one example of the environmental problems which have made parts of Poland an ecological disaster area in recent years.

In Silesia, the region of the country to the west of Cracow, pollution has reached such a point that official medical experts concede that the incidence of cancer and circulatory diseases is higher than anywhere in the world. Over 60 per cent of the population suffer from toxic pollution.

These disturbing statistics, coupled with the Chernobyl explosion which caused conditions in Poland to deteriorate, have encouraged Poles to press their Government for change. The Ministry of Environmental Protection's latest report is at present being

considered by the Sejm (Parliament). In it, the Government proudly announces that 4.6 per cent of the national investment budget last year was spent on environmental measures.

Moreover, after a period of imposing modest fines on factories unable or unwilling to introduce filters to control industrial waste, the Government is determined to increase fines. The new fines, unlike the old ones, will not be open to negotiation. "My dream is that one day, I shall read in the paper that a factory has gone bankrupt through paying fines," said Mr Wlaciaw Kulczynski, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection.

He was defensive about Poland's environmental record, believing that the country is in the vanguard of environmental protection in the Eastern Bloc. A recent pact between Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany, expected to be signed later this year, is an example of this.

Certainly the Poles, who must endure westerly winds also pay for the incapacity of Western neighbours to control pollution. In the area covered by the agreement, several entire forests, extending for more than 60,000 acres, have been destroyed.

Mr Kulczynski said: "We want written obligations put into this agreement, but this proposal... is seen by the Czechs as interference in internal affairs." However sceptical members of the opposition may be at the Government's belated efforts to reduce crippling pollution, most Poles are convinced that action by Poland alone is only a partial solution.

Until the East European countries perceive their environmental problems as an urgent priority, the ecological disaster zone, which is part of Poland, will widen and Cracow will remain without rats.

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# Famine feared as Ethiopia prepares to crush rebels

From Andrew Buckoke, Nairobi

With most foreign relief agency staff back in Addis Ababa yesterday from the drought and war-stricken north of Ethiopia, news of what is happening there is becoming increasingly unreliable. But, in the words of one recent visitor, "the place is falling apart".

Two things are clear: a massive counter-offensive by the Soviet-supported government forces will be launched soon - without any foreigners to observe it - to regain extensive territory lost to the secessionist rebels in northern provinces of Eritrea and Tigré in recent months; secondly, the three million people threatened by famine in the area will begin to starve unless food distribution is resumed.

Heavy fighting had halted most agencies' operations two weeks before the Ethiopian Government ordered the foreign aid workers to leave the north last week.

But without them there to help to guarantee the neutrality of food convoys it is unlikely they can be resumed. In the absence of independent observers it is now difficult to verify either sides' claims, such as that of the Tigréan Peoples Liberation Front that the Government used napalm in a raid earlier this week that killed 31 people

at Wukro, until its recent capture an important food distribution point. A government spokesman has said the foreign relief workers will not be allowed back until the rebels have been crushed. The effort is expected to be ruthless.

The UN World Food Programme, the International

Addis Ababa (AP) - Ethiopia yesterday accused Western aid agencies of running covert operations under the mantle of humanitarian aid and singled out the International Committee of the Red Cross for criticism. Citing "personal security risks", Ethiopia expelled on April 6 all foreign aid workers from the drought-stricken provinces of Eritrea and Tigré. Mr Martti Ahtisaari, a United Nations Under Secretary-General, arrived in Addis Ababa on Wednesday to discuss the expulsions with officials.

Committee of the Red Cross and other agencies are now refusing to allow their lorries to be used.

Recent rebel promises not to repeat attacks on such convoys if they are clearly marked with agency flags and unescorted are unlikely to be fulfilled if aid operations in the north are taken over by the Government's Relief and

Rehabilitation Commission and the Ethiopian Red Cross, as the Government has suggested. At the same time, only two of the 10 aircraft operating a 12,000 tonne a month airlift into Tigré, where insecurity had made road transport virtually impossible, are still flying regularly. The others have been withdrawn or fly only irregularly for safety or servicing reasons.

Twelve thousand tonnes was about half the province's needs and even near daily flights of the two UN sponsored Hercules cannot match it. Although more aircraft, including some Soviet Antonovs now apparently devoted to military cargo, may join the airlift, sceptics ask what purpose if the food can be flown only to the provincial capitals of Asmara and Mekelle.

Unlike the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front, the Tigréan Peoples Liberation Front has been unable to bring from Sudan sufficient supplies for the areas they control, so had relied on people collecting food from distribution centres supplied by the airlift.

Relief agencies predict disaster if, or rather when, the people start moving in large numbers towards the main towns when their meagre reserves run out. When this

happened in the last great famine devastating epidemics broke out as the population concentrated at the main feeding centres.

This time the people may be trying to move through front lines, and some agency workers say it is to avoid them seeing the results that relief staff have been ordered out. The Red Cross and other agencies asked to be allowed to remain.

Though most agencies flew their people out over the weekend, the Red Cross decided to keep its team in place until formally expelled. The relief agencies depend on expatriate personnel to monitor the expenditure of donors' money, as required by their charters.

They cannot just hand over their operations, even if they wanted to. The agencies fear the military may be tempted to take over relief lorries and other equipment, but there are no reports that this has happened. There is apparently so little fuel in the area that there may be little temptation.

The Red Cross is still hoping that a few of its personnel will be allowed back to supervise continued relief efforts by the Ethiopian Red Cross using its vehicles and supplies. Agency workers hope to be able to return.

# Grand Master meets envoys



The new Grand Master of the Knights of Malta, Fra Andrew Willoughby Ninian Bertie, leaving a Rome Mass yesterday to meet envoys from 40 nations that recognize the order.

# Manila on alert while Aquino is in China

Peking (Reuter) - President Aquino of the Philippines, leaving her troops in Manila on full alert, arrived in Peking after visiting Hongkian village, near the port of Xiamen in south-east China, from where her great-grandfather left for the islands in 1861.

Her three-day state visit to China, followed by a day in Hong Kong, is her first absence from the Philippines in 18 months. A telephone hotline has been installed in Peking to keep the President and her staff in touch with events in Manila, amid fears that a coup might be attempted in her absence.

She said before leaving the Philippines that her trip would show that her country had achieved internal stability.

## Riot curfew

Lagos (AP) - A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed in the northern Nigerian city of Jos after six people, including two police officers, were killed and government buildings were burnt in rioting against petrol price rises, state radio said.

## Troops killed

Colombo - Seven Sri Lankan soldiers died when Tamil Tiger guerrillas attacked a remote army camp near the island's north-west coast.

## Libyans jailed

Ankara (Reuter) - Two Libyans were imprisoned by Turkey's State Security Court for eight years and four months each for a 1986 plot to attack a US military club.

## Dam protest

Karachi - Twenty thousand people marched through the streets to protest against plans to build a dam across the River Indus.

## Shock block

Paris (AFP) - A proposal by Parisian taxi drivers to discourage would-be attackers by installing electric seats fizzled when police forbade use of the Israeli invention.

# Pillars of apartheid may defeat Namibia experiment in democracy

From Michael Hornsby Windhoek

A three-year experiment in self-government for Namibia verges on collapse because Pretoria, fearful of domestic right-wing reaction, refuses to abolish legal protection for the South African-occupied territory's white minority.

What little credibility the local Windhoek administration still had was all but destroyed on April 8 when President Botha visited the capital and announced that he planned to strengthen the powers of the South African Administrator-General, Mr Louis Piensaar.

Mr Botha announced that Mr Piensaar would be empowered to veto any move to repeal Proclamation AG 8, a key piece of apartheid legislation that entrenches white social and economic privilege. Its removal is the only hope the Government in Windhoek has of gaining real popular support.

The territory's cabinet met for two days earlier this week to decide whether to resign or to continue its efforts to achieve full self-government for Namibia (barring defence and foreign affairs). It resolved to stay on for the time being and to seek further negotiations with Mr

Botha over the constitutional future of the country.

But Mr Botha's plan to increase Mr Piensaar's powers has put a severe strain on the already shaky cohesion of the Transitional Government of National Unity, as the Windhoek administration is called, which strives to speak for all six parties.

Mr Moses Katjuongua, the present holder of the rotating cabinet chairmanship, said that if the granting of new powers to Mr Piensaar went ahead, he would resign. "We have fought hard to scrap apartheid, and just when we

are on the verge of a breakthrough, new obstacles are thrown in our way," he said.

The transitional Government is an improbable-looking coalition, bringing together the whites-only National Party, the Namibian namesake of Mr Botha's own ruling party in South Africa, four parties speaking mainly or exclusively for distinct black and mixed-race ethnic groups, and the multi-ethnic Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) led by a white cattle farmer, Mr Dirk Mudge.

Namibia is indispensable as a base for South African military

operations in Angola in support of the Unita rebels of Dr Jonas Savimbi. Pretoria is unlikely ever to grant the territory independence until the conflict in Angola has been resolved to its satisfaction.

In the meantime, Pretoria would like to establish a local government in Windhoek with genuine popular support and thus undermine the claim of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) guerrilla movement to be the "sole authentic representative" of the Namibian people.

Last June, four of the six parties in the transitional Government,

including Mr Mudge's party, which has a significant, though minority, following among whites, agreed on a draft constitution for Namibia that would abolish all remnants of apartheid and introduce full black majority rule. Pretoria's opposition has stopped its implementation.

But fear that right-wingers at home would capitalize on such a "sell-out" of white interests outweighed all other arguments in favour of such a step. Mr Botha's aim now appears to be to use the threat of extra powers for Mr Piensaar to get the majority faction in the transitional Government to modify its constitutional proposals.

## US air safety inquiry

# Check on 267 Eastern jets

From Charles Brenner, New York

Safety inspectors yesterday started recalling all 267 aircraft of Eastern Airlines after the Government charged it with a string of safety failures and launched an investigation into its troubled parent company, Texas Air, the West's biggest air carrier.

The inspections were ordered by Mr Allan McArdor, the Federal Aviation Administrator, who recited a series of incidents which "appear to be recurring trends of non-compliance" with safety regulations. He imposed a further \$823,000 (£447,000) fine on the Miami-based airline, which last year paid a record \$9.5 million for safety violations.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration,

Eastern made 511 flights with a Boeing 747 which was not airworthy and 160 with an A300 Airbus which had an eight-inch crack in an access door on its tail.

The safety record of Eastern has been attacked publicly by the airline's own staff and crews in the past two years. Eastern's problems are echoed throughout much of Texas Air which was built up by its tycoon owner, Mr Frank Lorenzo, over the past seven years into a financially-tottering empire that has 20 per cent of the US airline business.

The Transport Department said it was launching its investigation into Texas Air - the biggest airline inquiry in recent years - to determine its financial stability and whether

its management "is disposed to comply" with safety rules. As well as Eastern, the conglomerate owns Continental Airlines and a number of regional companies.

No Eastern flights have been involved in serious accidents in recent months, but a Continental jet crashed late last year, killing 26 people. However, both airlines have a poor reputation for service.

Texas Air blamed the unions for the government action and Eastern yesterday took out full-page advertisements to counter the bad publicity. Mr McArdor said that current Eastern flights were safe, but the Government wanted to ensure the "margin of safe flight for tomorrow's ticket-holder".

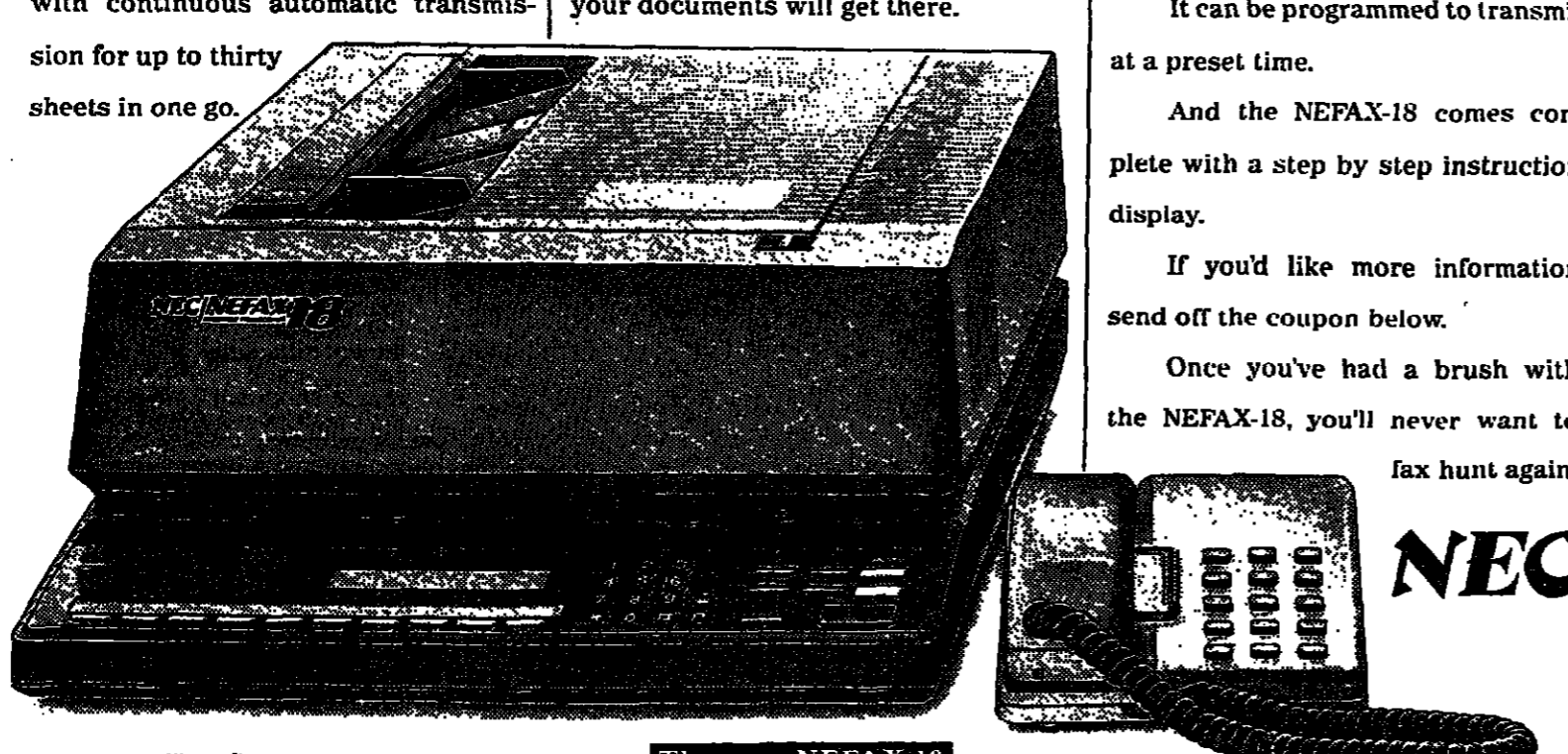
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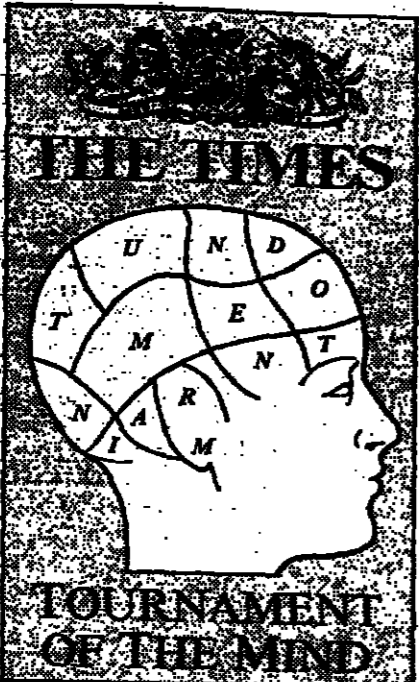
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# Tournament of the Mind

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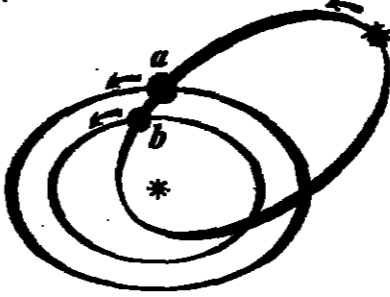


Jayne Dawid, a 22-year-old computer graphics designer from Leeds, all but went back to school in order to reach the final of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind. She still has her calculus and algebra text books from exam days, and she raided them freely for inspiration when she was stuck on one of the mathematical questions. "Actually my academic qualifications aren't very special," she admits. "I got six O levels, but I dropped out while I was studying for As. However, I have taken about five aptitude tests in the past, which you sometimes have to do if you are applying to work for a

computer company, and they had many similarities to this competition. Each time I took one of those tests, I found I'd improved noticeably on the time before." The two qualities she considers most important, in the final as in the early stages, are logical thinking and common sense. They may not mean that you are good at general knowledge, but they do help you to find your way more efficiently to the most accurate sources of reference. "During the first stages the Leeds library was inundated some days," she recalls. "There'll be fewer there this week, I expect, but one of them will be me."

**LOGIC**

In the diagram you will notice that a comet is 0° through its orbit. The comet passes planet A at a point when the planet is at 0° and the comet is one quarter way through its orbit. They next pass when the comet and planet A are three quarters of the way through each of their orbits. The comet passes planet B when planet B is at 0° and the comet has completed three eighths of its orbit. They next pass when both the comet and planet B are five eighths through their respective orbits. If planet A orbits the sun every 45 years, planet B orbits the sun every 102 years and the comet arrives every 112 years, when will the comet next pass planet A and planet B?



**VERBAL**

Can you think of two words of the same seven letters which will replace the stars in this sentence:  
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depression upon the mind.

**MATHS**

A man has travelled 117 1/4 miles of a journey. On the fourth day he has 16 2/3 miles left. We know that on the first and third days of the journey he covered exactly the same fraction of what was left to cover. If he covered one third of the distance remaining on day two and one quarter of the distance left on day four, what fraction of the distance remaining did he cover on days one and three?

Work out the reasoning behind the series of letters and then tell us which letter should come next:

A K Q J T N E S ?

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**
- Which Roman Emperor conquered the city of Palmyra in the 3rd century BC?
  - Which Chinese poet is reputed to have drowned while trying to embrace the reflection of the moon from a boat?
  - Which Hungarian musical instrument has 10 pairs of wire strings stretched over a shallow three-sided soundbox, the strings being struck by a hammer?
  - Which ancient written language, originating from a Greek island, has yet to be translated?
  - Which early French barber-surgeon to the army discarded the practice of treating wounds with boiling oil and hot irons in favour of cleansing, ointments and surgery to tie off major arteries?

# Blind country in a Channel fog

This weekend Lord Young sets out to make us all good Europeans. *The Times* asked a group of professional people 20 simple questions about the EEC, and the momentous changes coming in 1992. The results, reports Michael Dynes, were disturbing

Norway, Austria and Switzerland are members of the EEC... and the Community includes anything from eight to 20 countries. These are just some of the answers given in a *Times* survey this week which reveals astonishing levels of ignorance about Europe among professional people.



When delegates to a computer conference in London were asked 20 simple questions, eight out of 10 of them did not know the names of the member states. And while three-quarters of those who took part asserted with reasonable confidence that the European Commission is based in Brussels, only a quarter knew that the EEC's principal decision-making authority is the Council of Ministers. Not a single person could say where the European Court of Justice is located.

The answers underline the evidence from a Department of Trade and Industry poll last autumn which demonstrated that a mere 15 per cent of businessmen were aware of the economic revolution hurtling towards them. In a desperate attempt to reverse this lamentable state of affairs, the Trade and Industry Secretary, Lord Young, of Grafham, is about to launch a campaign to "raise the nation's consciousness" about the approach in 1992 of the Single European Market, when internal barriers to trade will be lifted. It will be an event, he says, which will "change the existing way of life" of the British business community.

Sunday sees the launch of a £5 million television advertising campaign designed to alert us to the dangers and opportunities the economic rebirth of the EEC and convince the

most respected business personalities, Lord Young is a comparative late-comer to the cause of Europe. The French, who launched their 1992 campaign 18 months ago, are way out in front. Last summer, French television viewers were treated to a series of Euro-advertisements displaying a feeble French businessman in a boxing ring, stripped down to his shorts, and confronted by a formidable Japanese Sumo wrestler and a grizzly American baseball player. Suddenly, his 11 European partners, dressed in their national colours, enter the ring and proceed to beat the living daylight out of their US and Japanese rivals. The French government now boasts an 80 per cent "1992 awareness" among its business community.

Britain, however, has decided to adopt a less nationalistic approach. D'Arcy Masius Benton and Bowles, the advertising agency that conceived the commercials, decided to opt for a testimonial approach, to help overcome the EEC's debilitating "credibility problem" in the eyes of most British people.

DMB & B points out: "To the business community, the idea of Europe can conjure up images of bureaucratic delay and unfair protectionism. To the public, harmonization means Euro-sausage and getting a burgundy coloured passport."

Their research revealed a massive negative attitude towards anything to do with the EEC and the 1992 Single Market programme. "We never heard of it. It probably won't happen anyway, even if it does, it won't affect me," was the typical reaction of the business community.

By getting household names such as Oldfield, and Sir John Egan - who are already successful in the EEC - to convince business people that Europe is ripe with opportunity, DMB & B hopes to break down Britain's notoriously insular mentality. In the 56 months remaining before the scheduled completion of the internal market, sceptics will be forced to think again.

## 'The events of 1992 are going to change the way of life of the entire business community'

There is a sting in the tail for those who insist on ignoring Europe. The new generation of entrepreneurs from across the Channel will be eagerly eyeing Britain's domestic market. British companies used to a comfortable existence could suddenly wake up to discover themselves under assault from their European competitors, and facing the prospect of losing their home market. Dismissing - criticism that

is a bluff, or that it is only a matter of time before we will be able to compete with Europe, will be a hollow comfort. "We are determined to continue the campaign in different phases, right up to the end of 1992," Lord Young has said. "He is prepared to spend "whatever it takes" to help British business prepare for Europe's renaissance. If successful, the 19th century adage "fog across the Channel - continent cut off" will soon have no place in a United Kingdom populated by good Europeans.



**JEU SANS FRONTIERES: HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**

- How many countries are in the EEC?
- Name them?
- What is the Treaty of Rome?
- What colour is the new EEC passport?
- Where is the European Parliament?
- What are its functions?
- Describe the EEC flag?
- Where is the European Commission?
- What are its functions?
- What is the EEC's executive authority?
- Where is the European Court of Justice?
- What are its functions?
- What is the Single European Act?
- What is the European internal market?
- When is it scheduled for completion?
- Who is the Commissioner in charge of the internal market programme?
- Will the internal market entail a loss of sovereignty to Brussels?
- Who is the Commissioner in charge of competition policy?
- What are the Commission's proposals for VAT?
- Who is your local MEP?

Answers at the foot of the page

**THE TIMES SATURDAY**

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**1992 ANSWERS**

1 12 (43% answered correctly). 2 France, Britain, Italy, West Germany, Netherlands, Ireland, Belgium, Spain, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, Denmark (20%). 3 The Treaty that established the EEC (85%). 4 Maroon (30%). 5 Strasbourg (32%). 6 Adviser to the Council of Ministers with limited control over the budget (30%). 7 Twelve gold stars on a blue background (13%). 8 Brussels (76%). 9 Implementation of EEC treaties and agreements (42%). 10 The Council of Ministers (28%). 11 Luxembourg (0%). 12 Settles disputes over Community laws (73%). 13 The first revision of the Treaty of Rome (10%). 14 A single European market (85%). 15 1992 (70%). 16 Lord Cockfield (10%). 17 Yes, but only by prior agreement (10%). 18 Peter Sutherland (2%). 19 Harmonization (52%). 20 Call 01-222 0411 (10%).

**CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1540**

ACROSS: 1 Obsequious salute (6), 4 Against (6), 7 Forfeiting (4), 8 Mexican resort (8), 9 Small hovering falcon (7), 11 Golf club carrier (5), 12 Bishop's title (5,8), 15 Voting agent (5), 16 Insurance statistician (7), 20 Fay Wray gorilla (4,4), 21 Japanese wrestling (4), 22 Meal (6), 23 Go back on (6)

DOWN: 1 Critic (7), 2 Widow's mourning clothes (5), 3 Interface (5), 4 Calf meat (4), 5 Large blot (7), 6 Gaudy (5), 10 Luxurious (5), 11 Bow (5), 13 Adult (5,2), 14 Unproductive well (3,4), 15 Fire iron (5), 17 Tobacco leaf roll (5), 18 Maltreat (5), 19 Boor (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1539  
ACROSS: 1 Pacific, 4 Brown, 5 Vertigo, 10 Darts, 11 Tosh, 12 Gilding, 14 Chief of state, 18 Paula, 19 Ido, 22 Hyena, 24 Nulilly, 25 Tiddly, 26 Verand.  
DOWN: 1 Pave, 2 Cargo, 3 Frightful, 5 Red, 6 Warrior, 7 Egan, 8 Don Giovanni, 11 Tic, 13 Laurie Lee, 15 Nothead, 16 Ere, 17 Upstart, 20 Lains, 21 Eyed, 23 Ali.

**FINDINGS**  
*A weekly series on research*

is hope that it may provide a basis for a new, extra-hardy cereal.

**PUBLIC OPINION**  
Product quality is the best indicator of a company, according to a recent MORI survey of British captains of industry. Asked how they judged a company, 52 per cent of top business executives drew from *The Times* Top 500 companies put the quality of its products or services ahead of its record of growth and profits (49 per cent) and customer relations (31 per cent). Robert Worcester

**HISTORY**  
Which Liberal MP for Darlington became a German censor and ended up as a Buddhist monk? Trebitsch Lincoln was

Tory seat. Bankruptcy prevented him standing again in the second election that year. After being turned down as a spy by Naval Intelligence in the First World War, he conceived a burning hatred of his adoptive country. He later joined a right-wing regime in post-war Germany and became a press censor, taking pleasure in censoring *The Times* dispatches. He ended his life as a Buddhist monk in Shanghai, disseminating anti-British propaganda for the Japanese. **John Crossland**

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Except for six pairs, no value occurs more than once in a row or column. Of the cards shown, four (which are not corner cards) each form half of pairs within their respective columns. The second 3 in column C also forms a pair with another 3 in its row. The odd-numbered cards at D6 and G4 form the sixth and final pair. In only one of the six pairs are the cards adjacent. Can you now complete the grid below?

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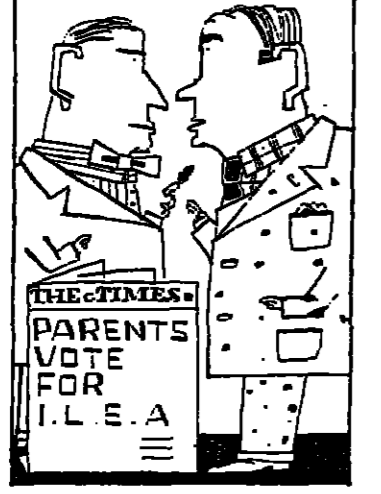
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**Advice for managers**  
**Benefits row**  
**Marriage Bill**  
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**ment next week**

I've just sent some flowers and a note of apology to one of my favourite ladies. Mrs Margaret Thatcher. I'm unable to attend a little bash of hers at Number Ten next week as I'm up in Scarborough directing a film of Alan Ayckbourn's next play, A Chorus of Disapproval.

While on the subject of women I greatly admire, I was pleased to hear from the lovely Ava Gardner, back from treatment in America last week for a stroke. I had back a fall from a trampoline that was meant to cure her back and various other ailments.

Another woman I adore, and quite the most professional and easiest star I ever directed, is Sophia Loren. We were making a film called Firepower in Antigua. Sophia had lots of days off, and I asked her what she did on them. "I've found a secluded beach," she said. "I sunbathe in the nude."

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm sure the Government will respond accordingly - they'll still abolish it'

I am glad that John Prescott is standing for the deputy leadership of the Labour Party. I always like to see people I know do something daring. I met Mr Prescott on the train from Scarborough a few days before his announcement. He was coming from his constituency in Hull. We passed a pleasant hour chatting and I invited him to join me on the set of my film, A Chorus of Disapproval, in Scarborough.

I definitely think differences of political opinion should not prevent socializing, if I may use the word. On the Any Questions radio programme, where I am a long-time panellist, it has been two on the very far left, Arthur Scargill and Ken Livingstone, who get my vote for the most entertaining and pleasant people I have sat at dinner with. Then we went on the air, lashed at each other with hammer and tongs, and returned to the coffee reception as great friends.

Religious fundamentalism in the Middle East - especially Shia fundamentalism - is so hostile to the policies and the very existence of the Arab dictatorships, that the governments of the region have little or no idea how to communicate with the minds of the "Islamic Jihad" hijackers on the Kuwait Airways Boeing.

The events of this war are not so easy to conjecture as for the present quarrel is so inflamed by the warm heads of either faction, and the pretensions somewhere or other so exorbitant, as not to admit the least overtures of accommodation.

Jonathan Swift's introduction to the Battle of the Books (1697/8) is hard to better as an introduction to the battle of the books (1987/8) which was reopened yesterday. Just as Swift the politician would have enjoyed Mrs Thatcher's third general election victory, so Swift the political litterateur would have loved the struggle to claim responsibility for it.

This week the Nuffield study of the election, the poll-watcher's bible since 1945, takes up the theme which has dominated so much Tory discourse since June. It gives the closest thing to the authorized version of the "Wobbly Thursday" during the campaign when ministers were (almost literally) at each other's throats, and when the hidden tensions that had beset Mrs Thatcher's leadership since the Westland crisis appeared to be heading her to disaster.

On the Saturday that these revelations appeared, however, the heads of the factions involved were as "warm" as any Swift described. Some of them were at the Prime Minister's reception for the Commonwealth diplomats at the Trooping of the Colour - though the war were not. "Exorbitant pretension" would have been a mild description of the official feeling about those held responsible for the article.

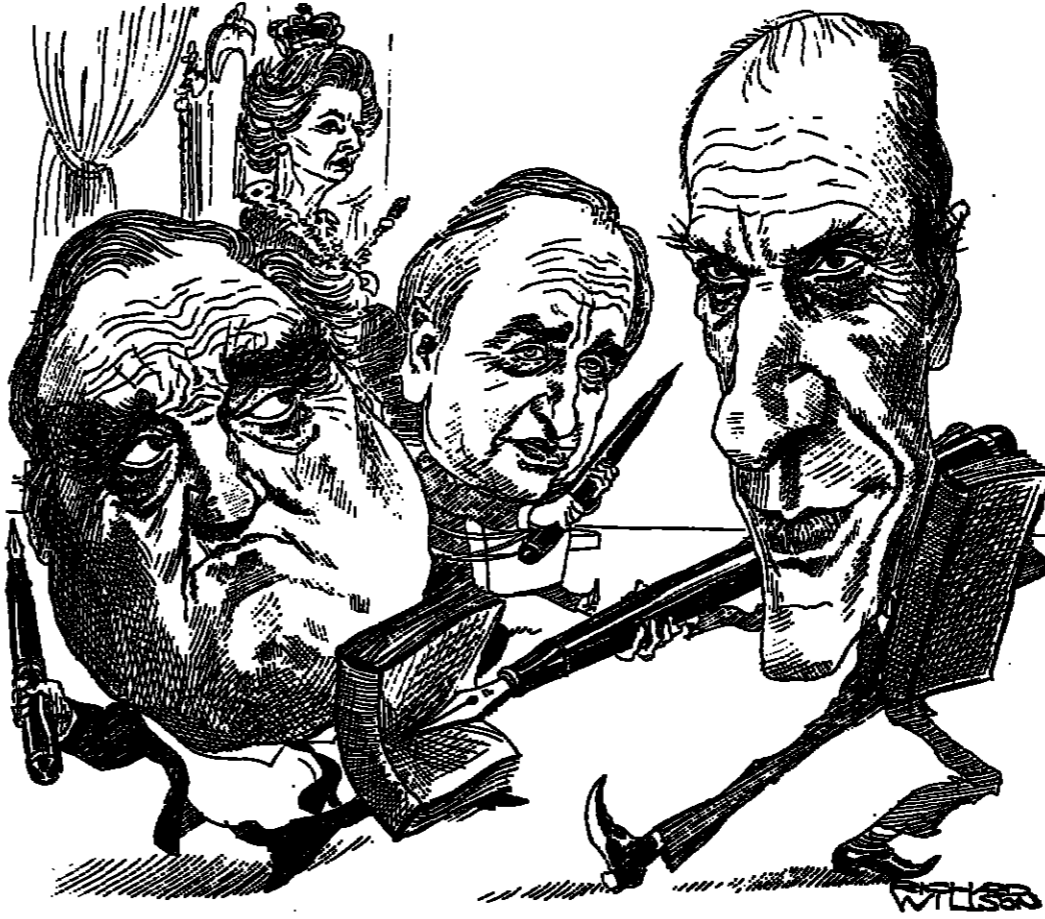
Robert Fisk explains why Algeria cannot get through to the hijackers A fundamental deafness

Prayers in the small Husseiniyas, the village mosques. Indeed, the village mosque as a centre of social and fundamentalist thought - both reverent and intransigent - has much to do with the gunmen on the jet at Algiers airport.

have instinctively admired the minds of the hijackers in the Kuwaiti jet - young Muslim fundamentalists in Asstut were tortured with razor blades by the Egyptian police.

Peter Stothard

Battle of the Tory books



The counter-attack began at once. Lord Young and Mr Tebbit felt particularly aggrieved, not only with each other (a fact which subsequently became a major story in its own right) but also with Lord Whitelaw and Mr John Wakeham, who were linked with the work of Young & Rubicam, the advertising agency whose role was revealed that day in The Times.

The battle of the books began in earnest with the publication a month later of Campaign! The Selling of the Prime Minister in which Rodney Tyler expanded the Times version of the role played by the advertising executive and political conscience grise, Tim Bell, and virtually dismissed all others. He called the Times account "bizarre".

Mr Tebbit then attacked the inaccuracy of both Mr Tyler and The Times. He praised Mr Tyler for virtually nothing except his "lofty disdain" of the stories about Young & Rubicam. There was thus more than usual interest amongst aficionados in advance of publication this week of the Nuffield study, edited by Dr David Butler and Professor Dennis Kavanagh. This book is different from others in one important respect. The authors, working to the generous time limits of academic history, have a long tradition of being trusted with information not so lightly entrusted to journalists. Moreover, their finished text is shown in advance to the chief characters. Emendations are made and a consensus reached.

Among a number of important revelations to be left unchallenged by the Tory hierarchy was that Young & Rubicam were being paid for their research efforts by the Party Treasurer, Lord McAlpine, without the knowledge of the party chairman, Mrs Thatcher must have known that the money was being paid. She and other senior ministers received the results. Mr Tebbit knew nothing. Moreover, this activity was going on long after the immediate Westland tensions had been resolved, and after he had been reassured by her that the suspicions of his ambitions had been assuaged.

confidence with one another. Yesterday he concluded his comments on breakfast television about the Nuffield study very differently. "I suspect, from the research that was done and the track record, that it is probably the nearest, most accurate version of that election until my own is published".

Attention is now also being drawn, for example, to hitherto undisclosed exchanges between the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and Mr Tebbit after the Westland affair. In these it was discussed how they might best join forces to put pressure on Mrs Thatcher - even to the point of a resignation pact to force her out of office if it were clear that she could not win the next election.

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Pointless penalties

Douglas Hurd intends to imprison delinquent 14-year-old boys in penal institutions even though he knows that the most likely consequence of his action is that they will be turned into professional criminals.

fender Psychology Unit pointed out, the new regime at New Hall and Send Detention Centres "did not affect crime rates."

the boys. After all, it is not as if we are talking about really violent and dangerous criminals. If any of them came into that category they would already have been quite properly detained under Section 53 of the 1933 Children and Young Persons Act. No, these boys have been convicted of lesser offences, more than 80 per cent of them non-violent.

SCIENCE REPORT

Here's a pretty tail

New results in this week's Nature strongly support one of the most contentious aspects of Darwin's theory of evolution - that male birds have elaborate sexual ornaments because females prefer them (his theory of sexual selection).



more than four times as long to acquire a mate as males with elongated tails. Males with the longest tails bred earlier in the season and raised two clutches more often than short tailed, while more than twice as many fledglings emerged successfully from their nests. This, Moller believes, is strong support for Darwin's theory.

demonstration of an advantage for sexually ornamented males in a monogamous species. But Moller admits that many questions remain unanswered by his study. For instance, although his results show how favoured males benefit from female choice, it is not so obvious what advantage females get from choosing to mate with ornamented males.

RORY HOWLETT











The right friend?



BARBARA AMIEL

Ewa Luszczyk is a short, compact woman with an air of authority and a nicotine habit.

She fit up a cigarette the minute we sat down to lunch earlier this week.

She was off to chat with the Equality Officer from the National Union of Journalists, the Women's Rights Officer from the National Council for Civil Liberties.

economists in Poland which described the near-chaos of shortages, poverty, and decline in the Polish economy.

I called a mother who is raising her family in Warsaw. The meat ration averages out at 5lb a month per head, she said.

I asked Mrs L about shortages in Poland. 'There are none,' she said

may wish to put as good a face on its system as possible. After all, it is hard to say how Poland might have developed if a normal liberal democracy had taken root rather than the progression from semi-feudalism to communism.

Her magazine takes a fairly hard-line approach to issues—as befits its publication which proudly lists among its friends the Polish Propaganda Minister and the Deputy-Chief of Disinformation and Psychological Warfare.

Meanwhile, Mrs L was handing me copies of her magazine, Przyjacielka translates as "She-Friend" and the magazine has a circulation of two million with a readership, she said, of six to eight million.

Last month the Centre for Research into Communist Economies published a report by an independent group of

been consistent. In December 1981, martial law was declared in Poland after the heady fling with a legalized Solidarity.

"What did you talk about with Mrs L?" I asked Ms Irene Harris of Network, a non-profit organization of upper management professional women.

"She asked me about the condition of women," said Kay Carberry, Secretary of the TUC Women's Committee.

"What do you think of the situation of women in England?" I asked Mrs Luszczyk. "Before coming here," she said, "I would have complained about our childcare situation. But it is unrecognizable that such a condition as what exists in England would be allowed to exist in Poland. I think I must stop complaining to our government after seeing how shocking it is here."

"Will you write about what you have heard?" I asked Mrs Luszczyk.

"Of course," she replied. I sensed that the Polish embargo on such information as the mountains of meat and butter sent to them by the EEC would continue.

The Foreign Office is very hopeful about Mrs L. "She is such an open-minded woman," said officer Liz Hull. "Clearly journalists are important multipliers," said Peter Boon of the Sponsored Visitors programme.

In a run-down room in SE17, a handful of volunteers put out The Voice of Solidarity. They receive no money from our government. In Poland itself, where the press is remarkably free, any number of journalists from papers critical of the government could be helped by trips to London.

I suppose Mrs Luszczyk and the Foreign Office are just trying to make "friends".



Stuart and Rosemary Bexon at home, with a model of Mole Manor: "The house is so calm and light, you get a tremendous sense of tranquility"

Subterranean chic

The Bexons, pushed underground by the planners, have a house that is the envy of their neighbours. Yvonne Thomas reports

They have run the lawnmower over the roof and the vacuum cleaner down the walls: now Stuart and Rosemary Bexon are ready to show their environmentally acceptable house.

No wonder. They expect to see it sticking up above the ground as houses usually do. Stuart and Rosemary Bexon's home is underground.

There has been plenty of curiosity about the place, so much so that coach drivers come past and stop so that their passengers can stare and they get a few letters a week from people who want to build underground houses.

A local farmer helped him shift 22,500 tons of earth and stone to make a big hole at the edge of a field where it slopes to the lane.

They were married last spring and moved in while still building. Rosemary is expecting a baby in June. The trouble is that the house is not baby-proof — the lack of doors is the main problem — but they like it so much that they have already decided that if they need to move, they will build another, bigger burrow.

Some people cannot understand the attraction of living with the daises on top. Stuart, a market consultant, is forever saying, "Aha! That's where you fall into the same trap as everyone else" to sillies who say that it must be dark living underground.

"What you forget is that light comes from above," he says. The burrow is suffused with light from a central dome set into the seven-inch concrete roof, and from eight smaller domes, one over each of the alcove-rooms at the perimeter of the circle.

The Bexons call the entrance the atrium: it feels more Roman than mole-hole. The central living room is an 18 ft raised circle with four Doric pillars. There is a walk area around it, all tiled in Spanish terracotta, then up two steps into each of the "rooms". I don't fall into the trap of thinking there are rooms," Stuart says. So they are alcoves, through two-foot thick natural Cotswold stone arches. Each is carpeted in pink to tone with the tiles and has cream-coloured curtains across the entrances which can be drawn for privacy.

pillars, you see the turquoise pool, just big enough to do a stroke or two. From the dome the late afternoon sun pours on to the water like a spotlight.

"Yesterday we were in the pond with a glass of champagne in our hands, then we got out and into the whirlpool bath and had more champagne, and all the work seemed worthwhile," Rosemary says. Stuart would not estimate costs, nor has he counted the hours he put in. Besides, the real world seems a long way off.

"One of the nicest things about living here is that it is so quiet," says Rosemary. "The house is so calm and light, you get a tremendous sense of tranquility. The view from the dome is of birds and butterflies, the clouds and sunsets, then the stars and moon that can light up the house at night."

At one glance you take in the sitting room with open fire blazing, a white kitchen and dining area, fitted with hoods and ovens and an extractor that takes away the cooking smells but retains the heat. There is a study, and three double bedrooms, one with a bathroom leading off and a double whirlpool bath.

The heat pump takes air from outside and converts it to luke warm water (an immersion heater boosts it if necessary) and plastic pipes run it under the floors.

Bath University is monitoring temperature and fuel costs. Despite the open pool they have found there is no damp, and keeping 70°F evenly through the house costs only 25 per cent of what it would be above ground.

Well, what about opening windows? Another trap. All the domes can be ventilated: you pull a cord and they sound like bathroom ventilators. The front and back door ("to the gin and tonic terrace") open, and so do small windows where the ground level falls away.

So what's the matter with the place? Even the villagers love it.

Well, if you want to be particular, you can see into all the alcoves at a glance, so they have to be kept tidy or the curtains drawn, which would spoil the open look.

What about dust? "I just run the Hoover over the walls. There's hardly any housework." "We wash the domes occasionally and mow the roof."

When the baby comes (it is going to be delivered at home) it could get noisy. The house was planned for a bachelor. Next time they will build a children's burrow and a study end, and a bigger pool, like the one the architect has in his subterranean house. And they could make a good case for burying the next New Town.

How marketing maketh money

Seven years ago Gill Edwards, then 18, set up in business with a desk and filing cabinet plucked from the local rubbish tip. She had no clients, contacts or money.



Gill Edwards: award winner

This achievement last night won her the 1987 British Sales and Marketing Award for the most promising young executive. Its judges included representatives from the Institute of Sales and Marketing Management, which organizes the competition.

Edwards's success is partly due to an almost uncanny ability to predict what future consumers will want. There is nothing psychic about this skill, merely a combination of common sense and hard work — she devours market research surveys.

The continual demand for innovation means that her skills are in demand. "British manufacturers used to look at a product, check it worked and then try to sell it," Edwards says. "But for any manufacturer to be successful, you have to look at what the consumer wants and then make the product to fit."

Many of Edward's clients are in the burgeoning leisure industry, which has just become aware that places can be packaged and sold in desirable bundles, just like soap suds. "People are wanting more outings, variety, weekends away," she says. "There is going to be a far greater divergence in the

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Boots to sell 61 stores in western Canada

Boots, the pharmaceutical and retail chemist group, is selling its 61 drug stores in the four western provinces of Canada...

AGB in £1m mailing deal

AGB Research, Britain's largest market research company, has agreed to pay £1.1 million in cash for Mander Walsh...

Adwest raises profit to £4m

Adwest, the engineer and property developer, has lifted pretax profits from £3.23 million to £4.15 million...

Britannia's busy time

Britannia, the Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, property developer floated on the stock market last summer, is facing a busy schedule to fulfil its goal of moving away from traditional construction contracts...

Connells up 40% to £7m

Connells, the estate agency chain, raised pretax profits by almost 40 per cent to £7.3 million last year on turnover up 54 per cent to just above £25 million...

BTR names finance chief

BTR, the industrial conglomerate, has named Mr Christopher Bull as its new finance director in what is effectively a job swap...

Windsor buys broker

Windsor Securities (Holdings), is buying its fellow insurance broker Burns, Burr & Co for £1.2 million...

£12,000 for J Billam

J Billam, the Sheffield-based precision sheet metal engineer, just scraped into profit in 1987, earning £12,000 at the pretax level...

Cory margins cut by costs

Pretax profits at Horace Cory, the chemical colour manufacturer, edged ahead just £20,000 to £270,000...

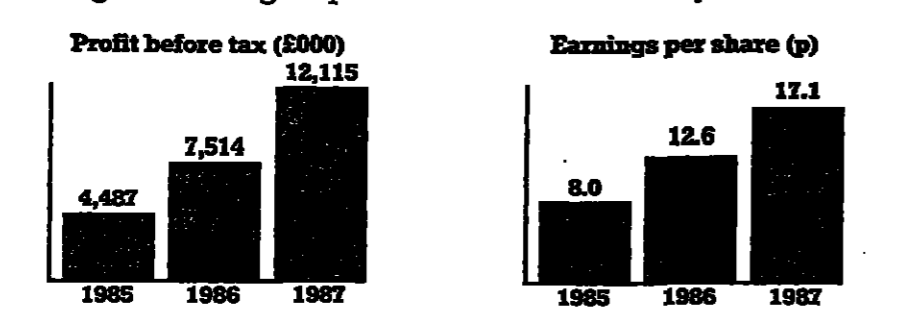
DTI names British Steel advisers

Two more advisers to help with the privatization of the British Steel Corporation have been appointed, signalling a new phase in the Government's keeness to float the corporation on the stock market...

Walter Lawrence P.L.C.

Preliminary results Year ended 31st December 1987
Profits up 61% Earnings per share up 35% Dividend per share up 19%

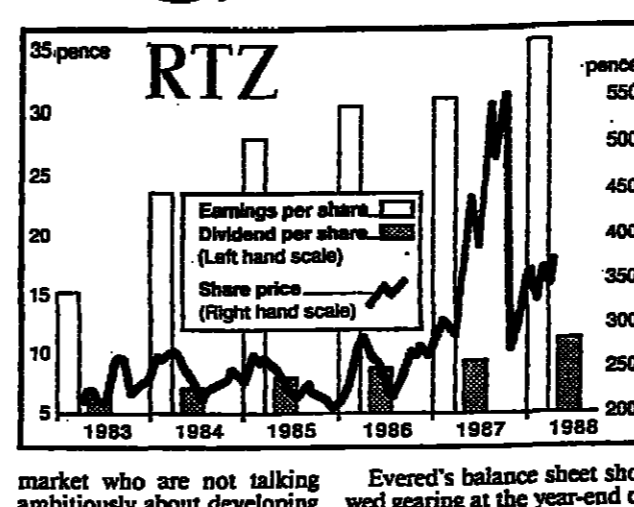
All divisions of the Group have improved their performance and are well placed to take advantage of many opportunities in 1988. The Board is confident that future results will continue to reflect the underlying strengths of the group.



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Behind the fog, RTZ shines again

RTZ has managed to shoot itself in the foot, despite a 1987 performance in which net earnings rose 14 per cent and the annual dividend is increased 22 per cent.



Yesterday RTZ paid the price of a dismal pretax profit line with the shares initially down by a hefty 20p at 363p before sounder investment counsels prevailed.

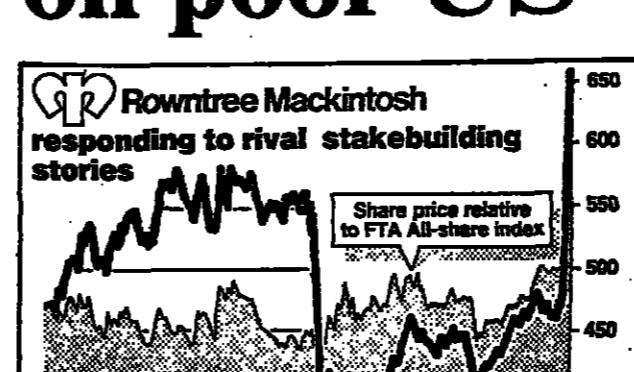
However, RTZ's rate of dividend increase signalling better days ahead and the colour of 1987 results, showing RTZ has come through its one-too-easy year in fine form...

Evered is on course to make £35 million this year, putting the shares on a pe of under 8.5 times 1988 earnings.

Thus, although Evered has been given a reasonable start it may prove harder going from now on.

Shares slide on poor US trade figures

News that the US trade deficit in February had surged to \$13.83 billion (£7.38 billion) wiped the smiles from many speculators' faces yesterday as the takeover euphoria, which had helped share prices rise sharply at the outset, was replaced by widespread depression.



However, Mr Rudd could still have a big say in the matter as he has yet to pledge his stake to Ward White. He prefers to remain neutral until he examines the offer document.

Dealers had been expecting the deficit to slip below January's \$12.4 billion and were deflated by the outcome.

ConsGold was quick to pour cold water on speculation that it was on the verge of selling its ARC aggregates subsidiary to Hanson.

This immediately led to speculation about a possible counter-offer being made and stories were soon circulating in the market that a management buyout of £3-plus per share is very much on the cards.

The uptick was that the FT-SE 100 share index, which had sported a rise of more than 16 points initially, dropped dramatically to show a decline of more than 30 points at one stage to coincide with an early fall of 36 points on Wall Street.

A spokesman said: "We are not considering selling ARC and have not received an offer from Hanson."

Shares of Ward White, meanwhile, fell by 12p to 323p.

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Record earnings per share were achieved, up from 12.6p to 17.1p. The final dividend was raised from 3p to 3.5p making a total of 4.75p for the year, up 19 per cent.

Koppers brings another law case against Beazer

Mr Brian Beazer's \$1.7 billion (£900 million) for Koppers, the American gravel business, ran into more trouble yesterday when his British building group was accused of publishing misleading newspaper advertisements.

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McKechnie jumps 36% at half time

McKechnie, the plastics and metals group, lifted pretax profits by 36 per cent to £15.95 million in the six months to end-January, on turnover up from £12.9 million to £14.7 million.

The directors are confident in the group's recent 51 per cent investment in a house-building company in Southern California. This business is expected to sell 450 homes during the year.

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McKechnie is looking for acquisitions in the US, particularly in plastics and consumer products.

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Bae-Rover warning

With only two weeks to go before the deadline set by the Government for the British Aerospace-Rover merger deal, Brussels has still not been given enough information to decide whether the deal can go ahead.

Traders have been confident that Magnet's days of independence are numbered and that someone has been building up a stake in the company over the past couple

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By Order of the Board, C.G. Kirkwood, Secretary

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WALL STREET Dow tumbles 36 in early trading

New York (Reuters) - The Dow Jones industrial average dropped by 36 points to 2,071.1 in early trading yesterday.

Shares took a steep fall after the news of an unexpected widening in the February trade deficit to \$13.83 billion (£7.38 billion) from a gap of \$12.44 billion in January.

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Chemical group opens £44 million boiler conversion project. ICI power plant gives Coal a boost

By Peter Davenport Europe's largest operation to convert a power station from oil to coal fired was officially opened yesterday, bringing a significant boost to British Coal's marketing efforts.



Vote of confidence: Sir Robert Reid (left), Denys Henderson (centre) and Sir Robert Haslam at the official opening.

The £44 million project to convert two of the five main boilers at the ICI Wilton power station on Teesside has taken two-and-a-half years but was completed four months before schedule.

For British Coal, the conversion, a vast and complex undertaking, opens up a massive new market of nearly 500,000 tonnes a year from peacast mining in the North-east.

Sir Robert Haslam, the British Coal chairman, joined Sir Robert Reid, chairman of British Rail, who will deliver supplies by heavy-rail trains, and Mr Denys Henderson, the ICI chairman, at Wilton for the opening.

Sir Robert Haslam said the conversion programme was a "welcome vote of confidence in British Coal."

It has been battling since the miners' strike to re-establish its position in the field of fuel supplies to industry.

petition from oil and imported coal. "Only British Coal is in a position to offer long-term contracts which guarantee security of supply at competitive prices free from exchange rate risks," he added.

but converted to oil in 1971. Now, under computer control, they will burn about 460,000 tonnes of coal a year at the largest privately-owned power station in Europe to provide half the steam needed for the chemical processes at ICI.

The conversion increases the yearly sales of industrial coal in British Coal's Yorkshire and Northern sales region by 20 per cent - to more than 3 million tonnes - and will increase the annual coal burn at 11 ICI plants throughout the country to 1.1 million tonnes.

The conversion operation was huge, taking in total 1.5 million manhours to complete and employing about 2,000 people.

As part of ICI's flexible fuel policy to achieve the most competitive energy supplies, the two converted boilers will still be able to burn oil as well as coal. The three other main boilers will continue to use a range of liquid and gaseous fuels.

Mr Henderson said the conversion was a "remarkable success story" with steam and electricity continuing to be supplied throughout the construction period at a time when many of the Wilton plants were running at record production levels.

Boost for Barr & Wallace

By Michael Tate A return to profits by its leisure and holiday operations helped Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust more than double group pretax profits last year from £1.33 million to £2.70 million.

Earnings per share rose from 15.3p to 27.2p, prompting an 8p final dividend, making 11p (8p) for the year.

Ronald Li may face charges of corruption, court told

Hong Kong (Reuters) - Mr Ronald Li, the former Hong Kong stock exchange chairman, who is accused of bribery, may face more charges linked to corruption, a court heard yesterday.

Mr Li, aged 58, appeared in court for the second time since his arrest in January but was told the prosecution needed more time to investigate further allegations of corruption in connection with the stock exchange before a trial date could be set.



After the court hearing: Mr Ronald Li yesterday.

When trading resumed the market's main indicator, the Hang Seng index, plunged 33 per cent.

AMI Healthcare rises to £6.3m at half time

AMI Healthcare, the private hospital operator, reported its first set of results since coming to the market in February, showing pretax profits up from £5.5 million to £6.3 million in the six months to end-February.

The directors reported continued growth of in-patient and out-patient care in the group's 13 acute care hospitals. The proportion of British patients admitted to AMI hospitals has risen from 91 per cent to 93 per cent. One in every five of these patients is self-paying.

number of beds at the AMI Portland Hospital for Women and Children and an extension to the Clementine Churchill Hospital intensive care unit.

In Manchester, additional beds have been introduced at the Alexandra Hospital. AMI's Lifestyle and Occupational Health operation is also making progress and has recently won contracts with a number of leading companies.

REPUBLICA TOGOLAISE REPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE DU BENIN COMMUNAUTE ELECTRIQUE DU BENIN AVIS D'APPEL A LA PREQUALIFICATION DISPATCHING DE PRODUCTION ET DE TRANSPORT ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE

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Thomas Jourdan: Mr Keith Whitten has been made chairman and managing director. MEPC: Sir Christopher Beeson will become chairman and Mr James Tuckey managing director from the end of July.

Howard Hunt has joined as an executive director. CSM Parliamentary Consultants: The Earl of Ancrum has joined the board as a non-executive director.

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million, compared with £125.1 million in 1986. All these results have been earned by a combination of investment expertise, careful planning and marketing flair. The common element in all areas of our business has been sheer hard work.

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Sun Life has always paid careful attention to the development of management skills within the company. Equally, we place a very strong emphasis on training programmes to ensure that our sales, technical and administrative staff are highly proficient in the latest developments relevant to their skills.

1987 should not be remembered simply for our notable financial performance. It was a year in which we made great strides in broadening the base of our business to meet changing conditions at home and abroad. This is in line with the fundamental nature of our approach which is to build on the skills and driving forces that have helped shape our expansion.



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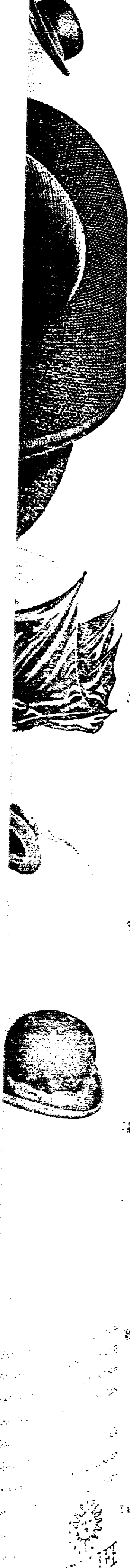
Late falls

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Table listing unlisted securities with columns for company names, share prices, and other financial details.

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Table listing investment trusts with columns for trust names, share prices, and performance data.

GOLD

Table showing gold prices and market information.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table listing London financial futures contracts and their prices.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Doctors with an eye on security

By Peta Levi

The increasing trend for academics to turn businessmen (and successful ones) is illustrated by today's announcement that Airtech Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rowan plc, is taking a minority stake in Sophos Ltd, an Oxford computer software design company specialising in data security.

Airtech specialises in producing government and military encryption hardware, for which Sophos has already developed software and sees great potential for further growth.

One of the secrets of success for a software house is to spot a gap in the market. Dr Lammer said: "In 1985 we saw that the way in which companies were using personal computers would lead to trouble.



Dr Peter Lammer and Dr Jan Hruska: "Great potential for growth"

between PCs, such as financial projections, is often highly confidential and can cause great damage in the wrong hands.

Since that time Sophos has developed 10 software packages. These cover three areas: "encryption" (which uses a key to scramble files so that they are undecipherable to unauthorized people); "authentication" (the technique used to validate a message's source, which can also validate stored data), and "secure erasure" (which shreds deleted files).

Sophos' main problem has been to educate people about data security. Last year it distributed 1,000 reference guides on the subject. Last month it sold more than 500 copies (for £20 each) within three days of publication.

countries, but have to make countries, such as Italy and Greece, more aware of the importance of data security.

Dr Lammer mentions another of Sophos' problems: "We didn't appreciate the long lead time, around two years, that it takes to bring programs for large clients to fruition."

Like most software companies, Sophos did not require much capital to start. In 1986 Oxford Seedcorn Capital invested £40,000 in Sophos, and has provided active support, including the introduction to Airtech.

For this year Sophos predicts a modest £220,000 turnover, which will be a 50 per cent increase on last year. However, by the end of 1988 it expects to employ six people and forecasts a sharply rising turnover in 1989.

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Their equity base by John Cope, the minister dealing for small firms, speaking at a private equity seminar in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Watch carefully how you rate

Substantial rent increases in the last 12 months in central London and elsewhere in the South-East could well have a material influence on the level of the new assessments for the 1990 rating revaluation.

scale redevelopment schemes will be reaching completion in 1990, and this additional supply, coupled with the likely rate increases arising from the rating revaluation set for 1990, could well stabilize rental growth.

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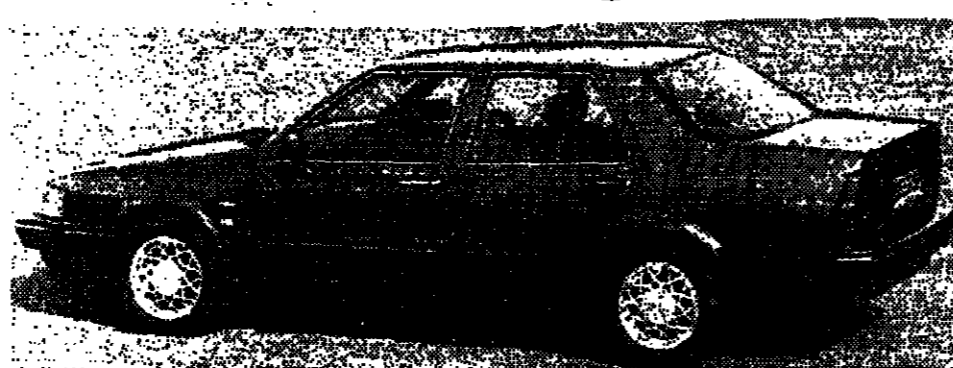




Motoring by Clifford Webb

A gift for Saab's new high flyer

Publicity about British Aerospace's takeover of Austin Rover has come like manna from heaven to Saab, who are about to launch a new model on the British market.



Saab 9000 CDE: Walnut veneer trim and leather seats

Simply identified as the 9000 CD it shares the 2-litre, 16-valve, turbo-charged engine, but has the highest specification ever in a Saab.

A big way and the CD's is positively cavernous. It is also fully carpeted, and opens so wide that you only have to stoop slightly to avoid the lid.

There is still a noticeable turbo-lag which Saab, despite its pioneering work in this field, seems unable to solve. Saab claims a top speed of 135mph, which I have no reason to doubt.

The CD will cost more than £22,000 and £23,000, and the CDE £26,000 to £27,000.

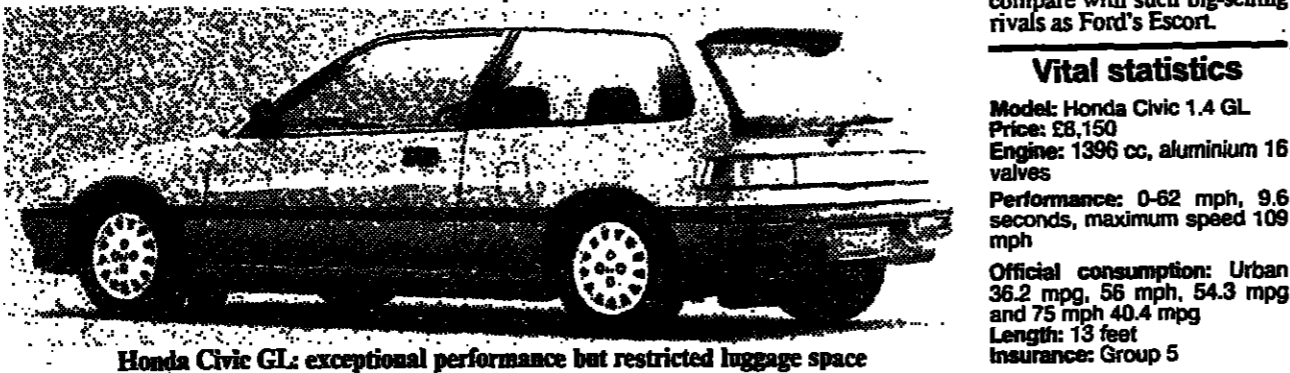
Smooth Civic has instant appeal

Some cars make an immediately favourable impact. Some grow on you more slowly. Some never feel happy. Within the first mile I knew that the Honda Civic 1.4 GL fell into the first category.

becoming the BMW of the East - don't make change for change's sake.

Unfortunately the hatchback is only reported as a three-door. If you want five doors, you have to buy the older Civic Shuttle, which is not so attractive in appearance.

My only remaining criticism is the restrictive luggage space. In no way does it compare with such big-selling rivals as Ford's Escort.



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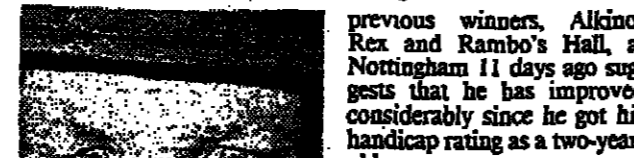
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By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Lord Tavistock's current convalescence...



Before that she had won at Newmarket... Her recent work on Newmarket Heath...

Fulke Johnson Houghton, who owns My Lamb... subject of encouraging reports from Mantion.

Her recent work on Newmarket Heath with Diminendo... If that is the case, she should be just about good enough...

NEWBURY Selections

- By Mandarin: 2.10 Pelcus, 2.40 Flaming Sword, 3.10 Bluebook... By Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 ONE FROM ABOVE (nap), 2.40 Flaming Sword...

Going: good Draw: no advantage

- 2.10 SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O £3,700; 1m 3f) (22 runners) 102 (10) ALLEGED SPIRIT (F Hibbert) B Harbury 9-0...

2.10 BECHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O C & G £3,988; 5f) (12 runners)

- 201 (8) ALMOST BLUE (A Sheehan) J Barry 9-0... 202 (9) CARDINAL SWI (Mr J Corbett) S Harbury 9-0...

FORM PLANNING NOVICE (9-11) 7m 2nd

- 303 (6) 114-BLUEBOOK 228 (F) Lord Tavistock (I) Cecil 9-0... 304 (7) 31-LUSTRE 251 (F) Sheikh Mohammed M Stouts 9-0...

FORM BLUEBOOK (9-11) 4th failed to qualify

- 202 (9) BLUEBOOK (9-11) 4th failed to qualify... 203 (10) BLUEBOOK (9-11) 4th failed to qualify...

Guide to our in-line racecard

Racecard number, Draw in brackets, S-figure in form... 3.40 MAIL ON SUNDAY 3-Y-O SERIES HANDICAP (£4,194; 1m 5f) (17 runners)

FORM MAIL ON SUNDAY 3-Y-O SERIES HANDICAP

- 401 (3) 228212-NAL DON 189 (D) G Howarth-Spinks R Hamon 9-7... 402 (4) 19-CAROLAN 281 (P) Mrs A F Turner 9-0...

4.10 CHEVELEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O; £3,967; 5f) (14 runners)

- 501 (14) 32884-MURPHY'S CHARGER 16 (D) R Power M Jarvis 9-0... 502 (13) 32885-SWING LUCKY 16 (D) Mrs J Harvey K Fry 9-0...

FORM MURPHY'S CHARGER (9-11) best

- 501 (14) MURPHY'S CHARGER (9-11) best... 502 (13) SWING LUCKY (9-11) best...

4.40 THATCHAM HANDICAP (£4,278; 2m) (11 runners)

- 601 (7) 12180-A AREA CODE 21 (D) J Lyons A Barry 4-10-0... 602 (15) 44212-HIGH ALIGHT 268 (D) Mrs J Yarnold C Nelson 4-10-0...

Course specialists

Table with columns for TRAINERS (Winners, Runners, Per cent) and JOCKEYS (Winners, Ride, Per cent).

Gosden should strengthen sheikh's Newmarket ties

By Michael Seely The return of John Gosden from California to train at Stanley House...

WARWICK Selections

- 2.0 Fisherman's Tale, 2.30 Tom Bir, 3.0 Lightning Wind, 3.30 Gods Fox, 4.0 The Argonaut, 4.30 Ascenmore, 5.0 The Milroy... 2.0 RYTON NOVICES HURDLE (E1,143; 2m) (25 runners)

2.30 EBF PRINCETHORPE NOVICES CHASE (E1,831; 15) (15)

- 1-301 ABBEYDENE 11 (D) S Power 6-11-5... 1-302 GNAWDOGACHOCHO 11 (D) S Power 6-11-9...

2.30 EBF PRINCETHORPE NOVICES CHASE (E1,831; 15) (15)

- 3-321 PLYING BREEZE 44 (D) M Gosselin 7-11-13... 3-322 FLYING 254 (D) G Power 6-11-5...

3.0 LEASOWES HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,252; 2m) (15)

- 4-403 DETROIT SAM 11 (D) M Gosselin 7-11-12... 4-404 PRINCE OF PEARL 11 (D) M Gosselin 7-11-5...

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Alcock, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%...

Tharus O'Reilly stakes claim for Times final

Point-to-point by Brian Beal Ten qualifying races have still to be run in The Times Championship...

AVR Selections

- By Mandarin: 2.00 Team Approach, 2.35 Three Approach, 3.00 Nohalmund... Brian Beal's selection: 2.00 Team Approach...

2.00 TEAM APPROACH (E1,234; 2m 5f) (9 runners)

- 3-1112 TEAM APPROACH 19 (D) P Parker J Edwards 7-12-7... 3-25222 ANTIQUAN MOON 81 (F) J Just J Fenton 10-11-0...

2.35 GEORGE GRAHAM HANDICAP CHASE (E2,490; 3m 110y) (10 runners)

- 2-3FU423 TARGET MAN 86 (F) G (M) Strickland W A Stephenson 8-11-10... 4-122-04 CARPENTER'S WALK (F) J Alderton J Denton 10-11-3...

3.0 RAPID RACELINE SCOTTISH CHAMPION HURDLE (Limited Handicap; £2,108; 2m) (8 runners)

- 1-10-3124 NOHALMUND 21 (D) G (D) O'Leary P Mester 7-12-4... 1-14-700 TARTAN TAILOR 6 (F) G (D) O'Leary P Mester 7-11-1...

Pipe captures another cup

Johny Jay was up with the leaders when he unseated Philip Mathias in a good class open race...

Wednesday's result

Asa Vale, London: Heat 1, St Gedeon (C) Cook 2, 2nd London Apprentice only 2m...

FORM NOHALMUND (12-1) 4th in Celtic

- Chatham, 12-1... TARTAN TAILOR (12-0) over 1 1/2 mile in 7th...

3.40 EXTEL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Final; £7,037; 2m 4f) (7 runners)

- 1-2208 ORATORIO 86 (F) G (D) O'Leary J Wards 5-11-10... 1-2209 ICKWORTH 13 (D) G (D) O'Leary P Mester 5-11-10...

FORM ICKWORTH (11-1) 2nd in Giltie (11-0)

- 1-2208 ORATORIO (11-0) 2nd in Giltie (11-0)... 1-2209 ICKWORTH (11-0) 2nd in Giltie (11-0)...

4.10 LAND OF BURNS NOVICES CHASE (E3,188; 3m 100y) (5 runners)

- 2-2211 RIKUS 7 (D) F G (D) O'Leary G Richards 7-11-13... 2-2212 RYVENWORTH (2) (D) J O'Leary P Mester 5-11-10...

FORM NELSONS BEACH (11-0) 2nd in High Edge

- 1-2208 ORATORIO (11-0) 2nd in High Edge (11-0)... 1-2209 ICKWORTH (11-0) 2nd in High Edge (11-0)...

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RUGBY UNION

Fortunes contrast for rival clubs

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent
Two of England's Area League South clubs, separated by only a mile in the final league table...

Sargent, capped once in 1981 against Ireland as a replacement during his loan period with Gloucester...

Crynam, the West Wales club, have also suspended fixture because of indiscipline. The club decided that the first XV, five of whose members had been sent off...

A Cardiff record to be broken

By Gerald Davies
In February, 1951, a world record for attendance at a club match was set when Cardiff played Newport at the Arms Park...

Independent TV to cover summer tours

While discussions continue over which television company will be awarded the contract to show independent rugby on British screens for the next three years...

SQUASH RACKETS

Devoys shows signs of cracks in her armour

By Colin McQuillan
With the men resting yesterday, what became effectively Ladies Day at the Hi-Tec British Open Championships at Wembley...

CRICKET: IMRAN'S STRATEGY PAYS QUICK AND HANDSOME DIVIDENDS

West Indies in early collapse

From Richard Streeton Port of Spain Trinidad
West Indies were reduced to 89 for five wickets after Pakistan put them to bat...



Wintry reflection: Mike Gatting, the Middlesex and England captain, takes a pause for thought between deliveries as his county warmed up for the new season with a one-day match against Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday

Richardson, Marshall and Dujon were all fit to play but Patterson dropped out with a knee injury and Benjamin kept his place...

and skied a catch to mid-wicket. Richards arrived and straight drove his first ball from Qadir for four and late cut another four two balls later...

FOOTBALL: MANAGER BELIEVES A FULL-STRENGTH SIDE CAN PULL BACK A TWO-GOAL DEFICIT

Sexton confident about return leg

From Clive White, Besancon, France
Despite a performance here by the France under-21 team which evoked memories of their seniors' gloriously successful European championship...

Clubs find problems in schemes

By John Goodbody
The Football League has widespread disaffection in clubs with membership schemes, which the League agreed to implement as part of the Government's fight to combat hooliganism...

Maidstone are to move out of home

Non-league football by Paul Newman
Maidstone United, who have sold their ground for redevelopment, will be without a home in two months' time. MFL, the furniture retailers, who have owned the club since 1982...

Everton chase Waddle

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, has placed Chris Waddle, the Tottenham Hotspur and England winger at the top of his wanted list...

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Table of sports results including Football, Rugby League, and Badminton.

Powerful Welsh entry Hampson to miss a third cup final

By Keith Macklin
Steve Hampson, the Wigan and Great Britain full back, has suffered a further stroke of misfortune. On Wednesday night against Salford he suffered a broken arm in the opening minutes of the game...

RESULTS FROM WEST HILL

Table of golf results from West Hill, listing various tournaments and winners.

GOLF

Sindelar leaves his troubles behind with a useful start

From Mel Webb, Cannes
A comedy of errors, which at times in the last few days has threatened to descend to low three, left its leading player, Joey Sindelar, wondering what disaster was going to befall him next...

Personal discomfort aside, the powerful Sindelar, aged 30, looked at ease through most of his round. He went to the turn in 22 with the help of a 6-iron and 18-foot putts on the third and fourth holes...

Hollands recover from poor start

David Holland and his son, Hugh, achieved a remarkable recovery to reach the semi-final of the father-and-son tournament at West Hill, Surrey...

after eight, but from there the Hollands won seven holes in a row. The Nivens did not play as well as they can do but their opponents gave them little chance by coughing in the last seven holes one under par.

Sefton hangs on to take boys' trophy

The Swedish side of Peter Sefton undoubtedly helped him keep calm enough and cool enough to win the Peter McEvoy Trophy by the short name Richard Sefton Payne at Copt Heath yesterday (Patricia Davies writes)...

Hazards take new shape in Marbella. Annie Ekou-Miandabu, of Zaire, encountered an unusual hazard in the opening round of the Marbella Open Championship...

BADMINTON

Kristiansand (Reuter) - The mighty Danes faced little competition from neighbouring Sweden during the final game of the European championships here in Norway on Wednesday and won the team title...

HOCKEY

GLASGOW: Under-18 hockey championship England 4, Ireland 2. RACKETS: QUEEN'S CLUB, London. Celtician open doubles championship. First team M McNicol and P McNicol...

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairnpatric upper hills, rain complete, with snow cover, very patchy snow cover, with patches of rain. Snow cover, with snow cover, with snow cover, with snow cover...

FOR THE RECORD

Table of sports records and news items including Football, Rugby League, and Badminton.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Suleymanoglu, of Turkey is likely to seal the show in his first international appearance since his defection from Bulgaria two years ago...

BASEBALL

National League: St Louis Cardinals 4, Chicago Cubs 0. American League: Boston Red Sox 9, Toronto Blue Jays 5.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association (NBA): Boston Celtics 123, Milwaukee Bucks 100. National Basketball League (NBL): Perth Wildcats 127, Indiana Pacers 107.

BOXING

MUSALLA, Italy. European heavyweight title bout: Francesco Schenker (Italy) vs Roberto Davila (Italy). Result: Schenker wins by decision.

GOLF

SEORAL: South Korean Open: First round. Leading scores: 58 (Korea) C Lee, 59 (Korea) T Lee, 60 (Korea) L Park.

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RUGBY UNION

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GOLF

SEORAL: South Korean Open: First round. Leading scores: 58 (Korea) C Lee, 59 (Korea) T Lee, 60 (Korea) L Park.

REAL TENNIS

HOBART: Australian Open Women's doubles. 1st round: A Green (Aus) & J Green (Aus) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

